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WHITEWASH-AND-BLATHER DEPARTMENT

WE understand that two or three months ago a young woman announcer on one of the minor London radio stations (we no longer recall her name) mentioned in the course of some chatter about UFOs, that the *"Ministry of Defence are going to make all their files available soon"*, and we have heard this same story a number of times since then from various quarters.

Let us say straight away that, if the Ministry of Defence or any other official body does reveal or publish any of the alleged contents of its files on our subject, you may take it as 100% certain that it will be another phoney operation, a "fix", a fraud, a piece of eyewash, hogwash, or whitewash — call it what you will.

Remember the late Mr. Robert J. Low, the Project Co-ordinator for the University of Colorado's Scientific Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects, and right-hand-man of its Director, the late Dr. Edward Condon? Remember the famous *Memo* which Low penned on August 9, 1966, setting out the guidelines along which the projected Condon Committee's enquiry was going to be conducted — that famous *Memo* which blew the whole gaffe when Professor James E. McDonald and Dr. David Saunders found out about its existence, and which led to so much trouble for Messrs Condon and Low and discredited them so badly? What was it that Robert Low said in the *Memo* and that gave away the whole game? It reads (in part):—

"The trick would be, I think, to describe the Project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of non-believers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer."

The premature revelation of the existence of just this little paragraph led to a situation of near-mutiny among the scientific staff of the Condon Project, the dismissal of two Ph.Ds, one of whom was the Project's *Co-Principal Investigator,* Dr. David Saunders, and the resignation of Mary Louise Armstrong, Condon's Administrative Assistant on the Project. Subsequently, in his book, *UFOs Yes! Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong,* (published December 1968), Dr. Saunders blasted Condon and the Project for their unscientific, biased methods, their blatant dishonesty, and their preconceived "findings."

As we report elsewhere in this issue, similar sorts of monkey-business are going on in France at this very moment in connection with the future development and activities of their much touted investigative body, *G.E.P.A.N.*

Let us return meanwhile to the situation here in Britain and to the Ministry of Defence. It will be recalled that, on March 4, 1982 (see Charles Bowen's excellent Editorial, *Who's Covering-Up?* in FSR Vol. 27, No. 5) the Earl of Clancarty (formerly The Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench) asked a

"starred question" in the House of Lords: *"How many reports of UFOs have been received by the Ministry of Defence during the last four years, 1978-1981, and what action has been taken about them?"*

The *Daily Mail's* report on the debate (*D.M.*, March 5, 1982) revealed that Admiral The Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of Britain's Defence Staff, had then proceeded to draw the attention of Their Lordships to the extraordinary fact that *the whole of the Ministry's records of UFO sightings for all the years prior to 1962 had been destroyed ... "because someone had decided that they were 'of no interest'!"*

The Minister, Lord Long, pointed out in reply that all UFO reports received since 1967 were being preserved at present. (But isn't it curious that he seems to have said not a word about any UFO reports presumably received by the Ministry in the five years from 1962 to 1967!)

Prior to 1967, said Lord Long, the "five-year destruction rule" had been generally applied. And, in reply to Lord Clancarty, he said that the Ministry had received 2,250 UFO reports for the years since 1967. (According to *The Times* of March 5, 1982, these broke down as follows: 750 UFO reports in 1978; 550 in 1979; 350 in 1980; 600 in 1981).

Well now, all of this is extremely interesting — intensely interesting. For it so happens that, away back in April 1956, Mr. David Wightman, then Editor of the now-defunct UFO research magazine *Uranus*, in the company of Mr. John Pitt , a professional journalist who had previously served in British Military Intelligence, were granted a two-hour interview with a senior official of the British Air Ministry for the purpose of discussing the matter of UFOs.

In the very near future we shall reprint the full text of Mr. David Wightman's account of that interview, as published by him in *Uranus* Vol. 2, No. 6, and Vol. 3, No. 3, and we shall also reprint the full text of Mr. John Pitt's report of the interview which he wrote for FSR and which appeared on pages 10-13 of FSR, Vol. 2, No. 5 (September-October 1956).

One thing we can guarantee for you: all this is going to be very, very stimulating reading. (In the Tropics the papers in the archives rapidly get devoured by white ants. There must be a lot of folk who regret that we have no domestic termites established here in Britain for the purpose of eating FSR's archives).

The most important thing that Messrs Wightman and Pitt discovered in their interview at the Air Ministry was that *the latter already had, in early 1956, 10,000 UFO reports on file for the period 1947-1956. This is already almost as many as the U.S. Air Force were to claim to have on file (13,134) twelve years later (1968) at the time of the Condon Report!*

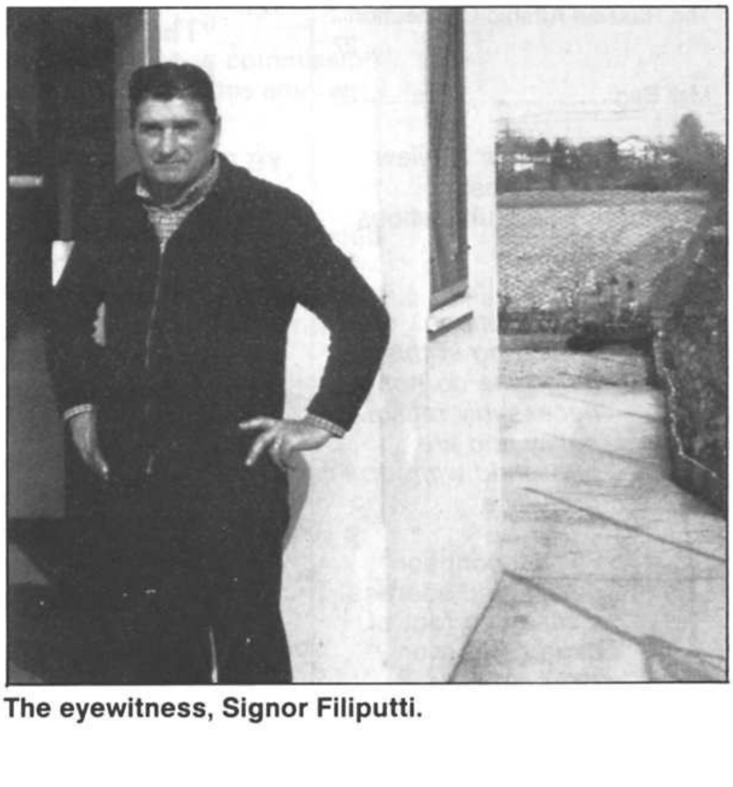
And we are now being asked to believe that those 10,000 UFO reports 'contained nothing of interest', and had all been destroyed by 1962!

Let us say it plainly, here and now. We don't believe a word of it. And only imbeciles would believe it.

Under the so-called *"Thirty Years Rule"* it is standard practice in Britain for normal official papers of permanent value to be released for publication after the lapse of thirty years, ephemeral stuff having of course already been weeded-out in the various departments automatically, on a year-to-year basis.

We will wager that this *"Thirty Years Rule"* may have been causing quite a bit of cogitation and rubescence around the nape in some quarters as the end of the first thirty years after Kenneth Arnold's sighting drew near — namely the year 1977.

Therefore, long, long before there was any possible danger of anything 'untoward' happening in 1977 because of that *"Thirty Years Rule"*, we will wager that all 'sensitive' material about UFOs or anything whatsoever connected therewith will have been removed from the Ministries or Departments concerned and lodged safely in the vaults of certain other gentry, certain other governmental agencies, be they military or civilian — agencies that are not much talked about and don't like being talked about, who are custodians of the Realm and who guard the Nation's deepest secrets, whose files are nearly (but not quite!) as safe as those of the far more "professional" and far more ruthless and more efficient KGB. Some of these agencies — the famed British *Secret Service* for example — go back in essence to as far as the days of Queen Elizabeth the First and her celebrated Ministers, Robert Cecil and Francis Walsingham. These gentry, be it well understood, are answerable to nobody but to the Prime Minister of the day and to the Cabinet Office. They are lucky enough to be totally unaffected by blather about 'democracy' or 'the right to know', or by the fatuous idea (seemingly of American origin) that *simply everybody* has the sacred and automatic right of



The eyewitness, Signor Filiputti.

immediate access to all State secrets, and that *absolutely everybody* is just as capable of being the President of a great nation as Ronald Reagan is! (No wonder that the hardbitten and experienced bunch of professional administrators who run the Soviet Police Empire are doing so well with their plans for world conquest).

The archives of these British gentry to whom we refer have never been inspected or divulged or published; have never been threatened by any *"Freedom of Information Acts"* or Court Orders (such as we have recently heard of in America) nor will they ever be, so long as Britain stands.

Where the question of UFOs is concerned, matters are no different elsewhere, be it in Moscow, or Washington, or Paris. (Only in Peking — of all places! — is there nowadays a curious whiff of freedom in the air where the discussion of UFOs is concerned — and one may suspect that this is strictly temporary and due simply to the fact that the Chinese authorities themselves have been too engrossed in their task of committing abominations against their fellow-men and have only just woken up now to the perception of the UFO Problem, and probably they know no more about it than do their thousand million strictly regulated and disciplined robots).

"THE LITTLE ORIENTAL AIRMAN": ANOTHER REMARKABLE C.E.III CASE IN ITALY

Antonio Chiumiento

Signor Chiumiento, who lives in Pordenone in north-eastern Italy, is a member of the Board of Directors of C.U.N. (Centro Ufologico Nazionale, the Italian National UFO Research Centre). Pordenone is only a few miles distant from the scene of this extraordinary claimed happening, which he has been able to investigate thoroughly.

(Translation from Italian)

THE local daily paper *Gazzettino* of February 4, 1979, carried an account of an alleged happening which seemed so extraordinary that it called for immediate investigation.

The report, accompanied by a photograph of the eyewitness in the affair, described the observation, some 4½ months before, and in broad daylight, of a landed object of unknown provenance, and even of one of its occupants.

The affair was said to have occurred on Monday, September 18, 1978 at about 3.30 p.m. (local daylight-saving time) at the spot known as Malaria, in the district of Porto Nogaro. It is a hamlet pertaining to San Giorgio di Nogaro, a town in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region in the Province of Udine.

The eyewitness, a railway employee named Giorgio Filiputti, born in 1931 and now residing in San Giorgio di Nogaro, at Via Isonzo No. 18, a married man and father of a family, is keen on hunting and angling, and as it was a fine, bright day, with very few clouds in the sky, he had decided to go fishing in the river Corno near the point where the Zumiel irrigation canal runs into it. Suddenly, as he was sitting there, the silence was broken by a sharp, piercing whistle which he later told the investigators resembled the noise of a helicopter engine in neutral or of 'something scything the air.' His first thought was that it was due to machinery in a nearby steel-plant on the Aussa-Corno road, or from some instrument located in the vicinity (N.B.-the usual escalation in hypotheses, whereby the individual starts by trying to explain in natural terms what he perceives or sees). To the 'pseudo-whistle' there was instantly added a sort of spiral movement of the air, coming from behind him, which caused ripples on the water at the spot where he was fishing and set the surrounding vegetation rustling. Other than this, he heard nothing except, simultaneously and far off, the howling of a dog. It was about three minutes or so before he began to suspect that all this was not due to any familiar type of apparatus. So that he began to reflect: "The machinery in the steel-plant can't be making that noise!" and: "Is it the wind that is causing the ripples on the water?"

By now quite a strong wind had started up, he felt, which, if it persisted, would in any case make it impossible to continue to fish. So Filiputti decided to climb up the small embankment and take a look to see where the unaccustomed whistle and the air displacement were coming from. At this point however we will let the eyewitness give it in his own words, as it appears on the taped recording of our first interview with him, made in February 1979. (The second interview with him, given on November 18, 1979, has also

been used to put the finishing touches to the 'identikit' record of both the 'object' and its presumed 'operator'.)

Taped Recording

Filiputti: "No sooner had I reached the top of the embankment than I was terrified — literally terrified — at the sight of an exceedingly unusual object standing on a small dry mudflat covered with short vegetation, no more than 20 meters or so from where I was. From my position I had a side view of it. It was like a sort of egg, or, on the whole, like something disc-shaped. It was four or five metres wide and it had a cupola on top. It was supported on three thick legs about 1½ m. high. These latter seemed to be divided into two parts, almost cylindrical in shape, the upper part having a greater diameter than the lower. In a word, I had the impression that they consisted of two tubes, one sliding into the other, like the legs of some kinds of telescope. Another point that I must mention is that, down at the ground, they terminated in flat 'plates'. The object was totally smooth, without windows or portholes.

"Its height, from the ground to the top of the cupola — that is to say, at its thickest part — was about 3 to 4 m. I should likewise mention that it seemed to be made of a metal of a brassy or yellowish colour which shone in the sunlight and gave off golden-silvery reflections. The same was true of the under-parts on which it stood, though these seemed to be of a slightly darker metal than the aforesaid upper portion, but very probably I got this impression because they weren't directly exposed to the rays of the sun. Then, almost immediately, I saw someone appear, from right behind the cupola, who was walking on the rim of the disc."

Question: "Describe his appearance."

Filiputti: "My first thought for a moment was of the physical appearance of the inhabitants of certain Asian countries. Well, his external appearance was pretty comparable to that of someone originating from those distant regions. His height was maybe about 1 m. 30 — in any case it certainly wasn't more than 1 m. 40 — and he was wearing a completely tightly-fitting overall, of the colour and brightness of silver, which flashed and sparkled vividly in the sunlight, and which left only the front part of the head, from the forehead to the chin, exposed.

"On his feet he had boots of the height of those worn by paratroopers and of a smoky black colour. His face, dark-bronzed, had almond-shaped eyes extending back towards where his ears would be — which I did not see because that part of the head was covered by the overall. Nose and mouth were quite normal. From the moment that I observed him, particularly his eyes, I could see that these were wide open, with pupils that appeared to me to be a bit bigger and a bit more protruding than those of certain inhabitants of the Orient that I had had the opportunity to see on television. I must also tell you that the single-piece garment that this being was wearing looked as though fashioned entirely of fish-scales, and that he was wearing, approximately at waist-level, two containers of the same colour as his boots and measuring about 15 cms. high by about 8 cms. in width, which looked like cartridge-cases and gave the definite impression of being held up by something.

"His hands were clad in white gloves.

"Returning now to the features of the face, to put it briefly, I have given as many details of the head as anyone might remember after seeing someone wearing a frogman's suit. When I caught sight of that 'sort of Asian pygmy' I was overcome by a profound emotional disturbance due partly to stupefaction and partly to fear, for the thing had taken me totally by surprise. And furthermore, as I continued to watch him, I found it absolutely impossible to figure out this complicated situation in which I now found myself. However, it must also be said that, from the moment that he glanced in my direction he too appeared to be gripped either by surprise and bewilderment or a bit of unease at seeing me, as if it had also been completely unexpected for him. Maybe he had felt convinced that there was nobody in the vicinity at that time. This contributed to my decision to abandon the idea that had first come to my mind to beat a hasty retreat and, swimming the river, escape into the countryside on the other bank. And so I continued to stand still where I was, at about 20 m. from the craft."

Question: "Then what happened after that?"

Filiputti: "When he became aware of my presence he halted for a few moments, probably reassured by the fact that I was displaying

ungovernable fear. Then the nimble-figured little 'Oriental' continued to walk on round the rim of the saucer, with great agility and quickness of movement, till finally he halted and stooped down slightly, to touch something that was sticking out of the machine near the base of the cupola."

Question: "What did that 'something" look like?"

Filiputti: "The fact is it isn't easy for me to describe what it was that he had put his hand on. At any rate the gadget looked like a sort of half-moon or a horse-shoe. So, in short, it looked like something semi-circular. I only noticed it because it was protruding from the completely closed wall of the craft. The individual kept on touching it with his hands for about three or four minutes, and all the while that he was doing this he kept repeatedly fixing his gaze on me. In other words he kept his eyes on me pretty well the whole time, maybe to make sure that, while he was carrying out his task, I hadn't managed to get closer to the craft. I must emphasise that in my opinion there was almost certainly something wrong with the craft, and this operation was being carried out by him to repair it."

Question: "Were the 'whistling' and the rapid air movement that had particularly caught your attention still detectable?"

Filiputti: "The wind had stopped after I caught sight of the machine, whereas on the other hand I still heard the sound; though its note was much less deep, it was still steady."

Question: "Carry on describing what happened."

Filiputti: "About five minutes had elapsed from the time when the being appeared. Then, having finished his task, he glanced again in my direction for the umpteenth time and, following the same route as before, vanished from my sight behind the cupola and into the cabin, which no doubt was contained in the main body of the craft though not visible to me. A few seconds later I heard a very loud rumbling noise, like a deafening clap of thunder, and then a very piercing whistle — both coming from beneath the object — which began to rise vertically. It went straight up, and slowly. As it rose vertically, I was in a position to see its under-part. It was hemispherical and its external surface looked like a sort of grating constructed of crossed bars, or, to be more precise, it was like a lozenge-patterned grid. The landing gear was withdrawn into the craft almost immediately after the take-off — and this strengthened the conviction that I had had from the outset that the 'aircraft' had stood on retractable supports.

"Underneath it I saw a bluish glow. This was a tongue of flame about 60 cms. long, of the same colour as burning kitchen gas.

"Then, when it had got to a height of about ten metres, the contraption quickly turned on edge, so that for roughly a few seconds I was able to observe it in narrow profile. It went off towards the south-west at a tremendous speed — not even comparable to the speed of missiles — and very rapidly appeared like a glowing ball. It was totally out of sight in a few seconds. The entire duration of the observation, from when I had reached the top of the river-bank till then, had been about six minutes."

Marks found

After the disappearance of the object, Filiputti, still very shaken by the episode, examined the place where it had stood, but without finding any signs of heat effect, nor of any changes in the soil, *except for three imprints in the terrain of dry mud and sand, where the landing-gear legs had evidently been set down.* This reinforced the fact that the 'thing' had seemed to him to be solid, metallic, and extremely substantial. These marks were not superficial, and were circular in shape, some 50 cms. in diameter, just about like the marks that one can make (naturally on a far smaller scale) by pressing into, for example, soft ground, certain sorts of metal caps (i.e. such as those used on beer-bottles).

The witness did not actually measure the distance between the marks nor their depth, but he estimated visually that they were between 2 and 3 m. apart, and about 3 cms. deep. In connexion with what has been related so far, it will be well understood that the witness's hair stood on end with fright at what he beheld. In other words, he had never before in his life seen such a thing — and yet here were these marks on the ground to convince him that he had not been dreaming. But, so far as he knew, nobody else had seen the object. So he determined to look for someone to whom he could talk about it, merely in order to unbosom himself.

The Second Fisherman

Then he made off towards the mouth of the river with this in mind, and confided to the first fisherman that he met — though the man was not known to him — the dreadful fright that he had just had at the presence of that 'thing'. After listening to his exposition of the facts, the other fisherman whom he thus addressed reacted with total incredulity. In fact Filiputti failed to make him believe him either by words, or, having taken him to the spot, even by showing him the marks

Filiputti at the landing site

impressed on the ground. On the contrary, as regards the marks, the man asserted that they had been made by something perfectly ordinary with a round base, and certainly not by the landing gear of an unknown aerial device, and as he said this, he trampled repeatedly on the marks and destroyed them. Furthermore the man went on to explain that in his opinion the episode could not possibly have happened, being assuredly a hallucination caused by sunstroke or poor digestion.

As Filiputti was still visibly perturbed, the fisherman persuaded him to go with him to have a drink in a bar close to the Aussa-Corno highway which passes near by. After entering the bar, they both heard an unknown man saying that, just before, he had seen a very unusual shining 'thing' moving at an incredible speed through the sky. This statement by the unknown party led the fisherman to whom Filiputti had confided his story, to exclaim: *"But then it's true, is it!"*

Witness Tells No-one

For all that, Filiputti decided that he would never again tell anybody about the episode, so as to avoid further ridicule. At first, he did not even speak of it to members of his own family. Moreover he remained so upset by the experience that he stopped going fishing at all, only leaving his house to go to work. And this state of affairs lasted for some weeks. During the days after the episode he searched the newspapers, to see whether anybody else had seen the landed object, but there was no mention of it. One more reason then for keeping his mouth well shut! From then on he did nothing but just rack his brains in silence. In what country, he asked himself, had such a machine been constructed? He was quite certain that he had seen it. In fact, after he had made his main statement to me, he declared:—

"I might have believed I had dreamt it all, if, after the craft vanished, I had not gone to the spot where it had been standing and found there the three marks of which I have already told you, evidently freshly made and of the same shape as the bottom ends of the landing gear. Moreover, there weren't any other similar marks anywhere else over a wide area all around. It was that, above all, that convinced me I hadn't been dreaming. When I saw the object I immediately thought it was a new military machine of some Great Power or other, and to tell you the truth I was terrified, because whoever had built it assuredly didn't want anyone else to know what they were planning! I can assure everyone that when they have seen a machine like that from so close and for roughly speaking at least six minutes, the image remains indelible in the mind for ever!"

With regard to the presumed 'operator' of the machine, Filiputti did not think, even for an instant, that he had seen someone who in reality did not exist. Rather, he made every effort to identify the 'Asian country' of origin. To put it briefly, his whole behaviour changed altogether from what it had usually been, for all the time from now on he did nothing but think about the happening that he was convinced he had experienced, never revealing to anybody (except to his wife — but even that was not on the same day as the happening) the thoughts which now absorbed him.

Brother's Concern

By the end of January 1979 all this was causing deep concern to his brother Angiolino, who tried repeatedly to find out the real reason for Giorgio's strange behaviour. The result was that the brother did finally find out all that he wanted to know, and also managed to convince Giorgio that it would be right to approach some organ of information, so that people might know about what had happened. At first the witness hesitated a great deal about this, but finally he made up his mind and consented. His strong feelings of unwillingness to have his experience revealed and his name published in the press had been finally overcome. The brother Angiolino Filiputti expressed himself as follows during the investigation: "I had no great personal desire myself to see my brother's story published in the papers, but I *am* convinced that it is high time the authorities and the ordinary citizenry should be better informed every time something unknown is encountered. In fact the dissemination of proper information about very strange happenings predisposes the human mind to be ready to accept further new phenomena in due course, and to react to them in the proper fashion."

The Story Published

So a local amateur journalist, called in by the brother Angiolino, wrote a very concise account of the affair which, as stated, was published in *Il Gazzettino* under the title: *"I Saw A UFO! And I'm Not Crazy."*

The witness Giorgio Filiputti holds an important and very responsible local railway job, since he is the man in charge of the level-crossing at Galli, near San Giorgio di Nogaro. He is in excellent health and has never been known to be otherwise, or to have ever been in any way unbalanced mentally or neurotic (and this was vouched for to us by Anna Maria del Bianco, the local social worker at San Giorgio, who knows him well).

The only physical — though temporary — effect that he claims he felt after the experience was that on the following day he had pains in his legs. His doctor diagnosed it as rheumatism.

At no moment has Giorgio Filiputti ever imagined that what he had seen was a craft or an entity of non-human origin. (He has in fact an excellent general knowledge of aeroplanes, model aircraft being one of his hobbies). He consequently was quite convinced that what he had seen was some immensely sophisticated and advanced secret craft built by an Asian power, and he even speculated that this power might have constructed a secret base somewhere on Italian territory.

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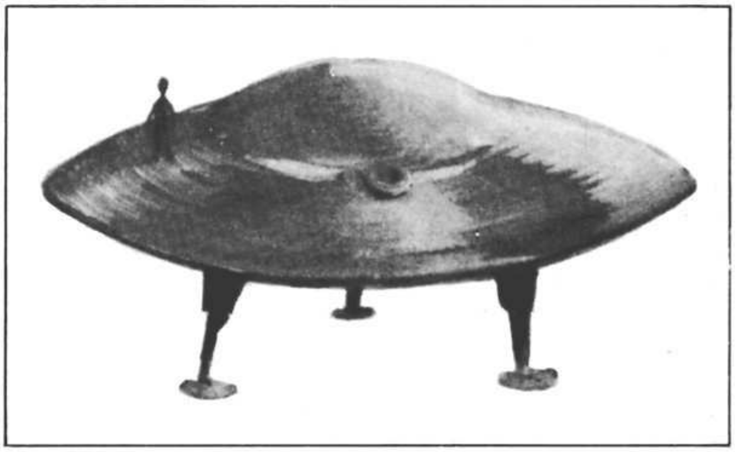
COMMENT

We have not yet heard whether CSICOP (the *American Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal)* have reported on this case, but we shall not be surprised if we learn in due course that the little chap and his machine came from Plesetsk in the USSR.

There will however be many who will recall something else that allegedly happened in that same north-eastern part of Italy so long ago as August 14, 1947, when Professor R. L. Johannis claimed to have had his strange experience near Villa Santina, just a few miles distant. (See *The Villa Santina Case,* in *The Humanoids).* Careful thought should also be given to the reported claims of the Italian engineer Giampiero Monguzzi, who said that he and his wife had taken a series of seven photographs of a landed disc, and of a

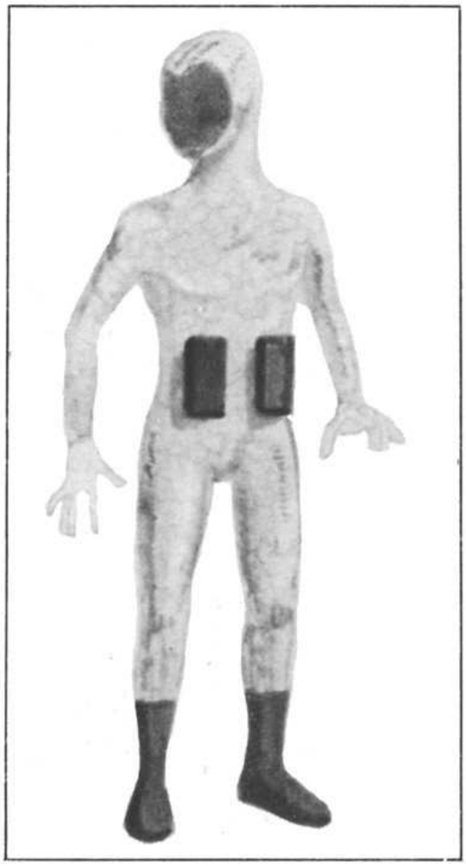


The Craft

small being who was walking round it and inspecting it, on the ice and snow of the Bernina Glacier (Swiss-Italian frontier) at 9.30 a.m. on July 31, 1952. (See FSR Vol. 4, No. 5 of September/October 1958 for Lou Zinsstag's report and the seven photographs.) Before the howling starts, let me add at once that I know all about the debunking and unmasking of Monguzzi which took place in Italy later, and about the "models of his saucer and of his little man", which were widely publicized in the Italian press and in ufological research journals. I saw these photographs of the "Monguzzi models" at the time when they were published,

and, while I always had a nasty lingering feeling that the models of the "little man" *were not* quite the same as what was shown in Monguzzi's photographs, I ended up, like everyone else, by accepting the story about the fake. Today, in the light of what we have learnt about various matters *(such as Frank Scully's book),* and in the light of this new claim made by Filiputti, I begin to have my doubts again about the vociferous and eager condemnation of Monguzzi who, as I recall it, was an engineer, and was hounded out of his membership in the Edison Society because of the scandal over his alleged hoax.

In view of the enormous similarity between a number of features in the Filiputti case, the Villa Santina case, and the Monguzzi case, I vehemently hope that *C.U.N.* (the Italian National UFO Research Centre) will take another very careful look at the Monguzzi photos of 1952 *and make quite sure that they really were fakes.* We must always bear in mind the strength of the forces that are arrayed against us. And we must always remember that, *given enough time,* these forces will probably be able to produce convincing proof that every UFO sighting ever reported, and every UFO photograph ever taken, is a fake. Once that charge has been uttered or endorsed by someone who is an authority in one field or another, it will stick. And that is all that is needed. G.C.



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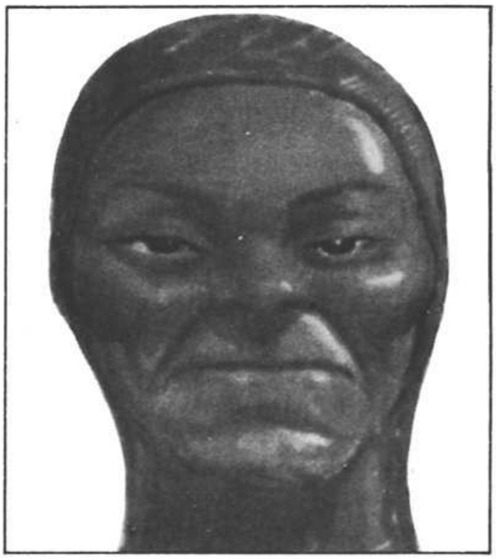

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THE UFO CRASH/RETRIEVAL SYNDROME STATUS REPORT II: NEW SOURCES, NEW DATA. PART III: STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF UFO CRASH/RETRIEVAL EVENTS

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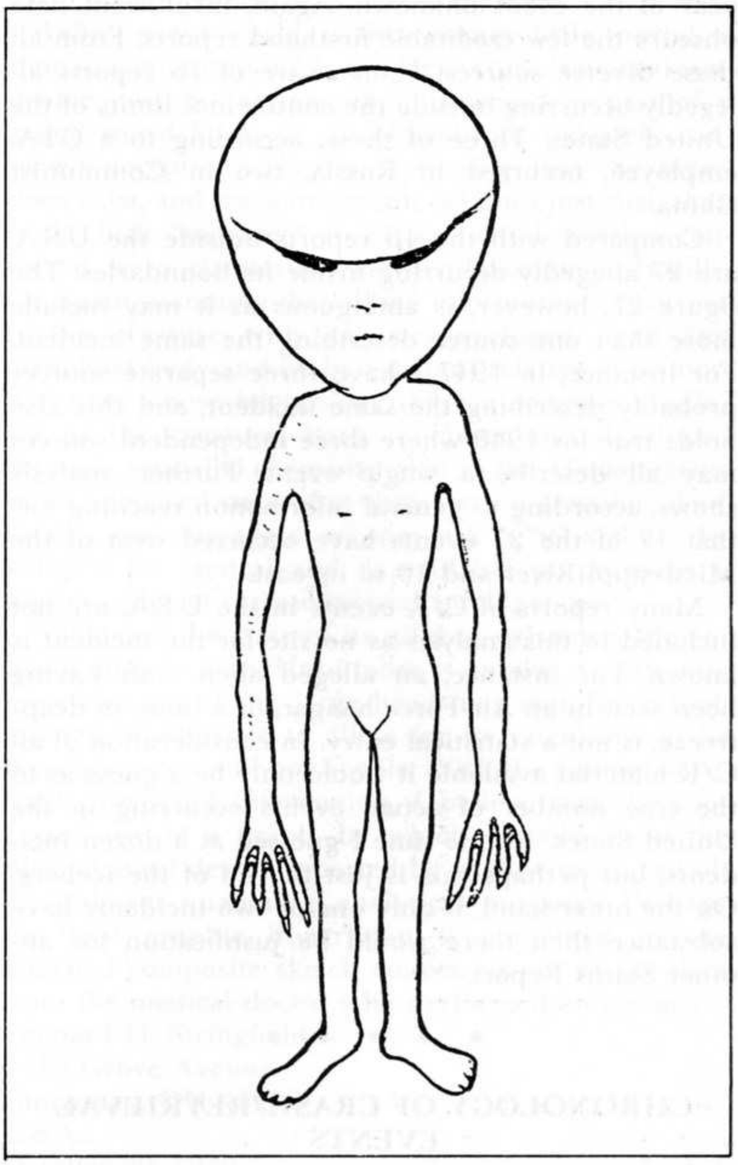
1. Chronology of UFO Crash/Retrieval Events Known By Year

Statistics, it must be emphasized, about reported UFO crash/retrieval events are inadequate and perhaps misleading. In the main, for this analysis, I have used only the sources who can identify the year of the event. Informants in this category range from the firsthand source to those less creditable. There are also many reports, even from good sources, with no year affixed to the event and thus are not included in this report. The total number of reported events for any one year may describe a single event rather than isolated events. A breakdown by years follows:

Year	Number of Reports
Prehistoric	1
WWII	1
1947	3
1948	3
1950	3
1952	8
1953	7
1957	1
1962	2
1964	3
1965	1
1965-68	3
1973	1
1974	1
1975	2
1977	3
1978	4
1979	2
TOTAL	49

The most interesting feature is that the preponderance of reported UFO crash/retrieval events out of a total of 49 occurred in the 1950s, a total of 19 reports, followed by 9 in the 1970s, 8 in the 1960s, and 7 in the 1940s. These figures indicate that there were more UFO crash/retrieval events in the 1950s, which suggests that in each of the two decades following, the



Attachment 1. — Drawing of humanoid based on information received from doctor who performed autopsy. Data, concerning relative size of head, torso and limbs, and other details, were gathered over a period of several months in 1979, during which time four separate drawings were submitted for comment. On my first drawing he drew a heavy ridge of brow over the eyes, and indicated less length of neck and less drooping shoulders. After third drawing he commented, "Check a 5-month fetus to get proportionate size of head and body." For the final rendition, above, he said, "The proportions are right." October 29, 1979

news about the event has been more effectively controlled, or that a later model of the alleged alien craft has overcome a technical vulnerability to Earth's geological or atmospheric, or human, interferences.

2. Geographic Distribution of Reported UFO Crash/Retrieval Events

This cursory analysis concerns C/R reports worldwide from general sources including those with the year of the event unknown. Again, insufficient data obscure the few creditable firsthand reports. From all these diverse sources, I am aware of 16 reports allegedly occurring outside the continental limits of the United States. Three of these, according to a C.I.A. employee, occurred in Russia, two in Communist China.

Compared with the 16 reports outside the U.S.A. are 27 allegedly occurring inside its boundaries. The figure 27, however, is ambiguous as it may include more than one source describing the same incident. For instance, in 1947 I have three separate sources probably describing the same incident, and this also holds true for 1948 where three independent sources may all describe a single event. Further analysis shows, according to general information reaching me, that 17 of the 27 events have occurred west of the Mississippi River and 10 to its east.

Many reports of C/R events in the U.S.A. are not included in this analysis as no site for the incident is known. For instance, an alleged alien craft having been seen in an Air Force hangar, or a body in deep-freeze, is not a statistical entry. In consideration of all C/R material available it would only be a guess as to the true number of actual events occurring in the United States. At one time I guessed at a dozen incidents, but perhaps this is just the tip of the iceberg. On the other hand, if only one or two incidents have substance then there would be justification for another Status Report.

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CHRONOLOGY OF CRASH/RETRIEVAL EVENTS

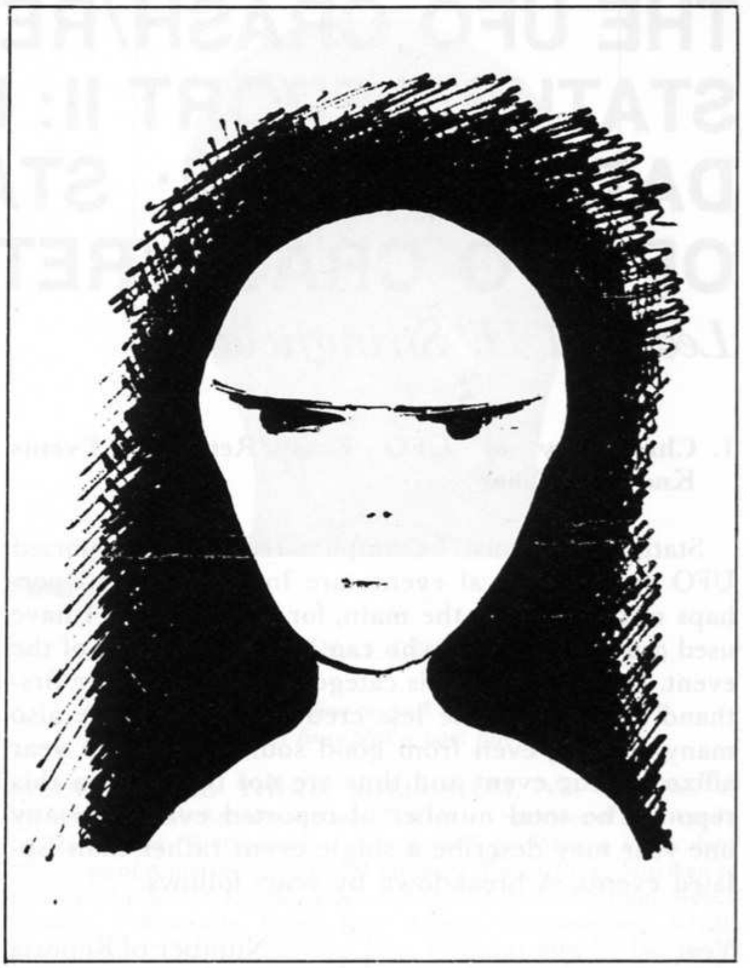
World War II: England. Crashed craft. Source: military officer. (Case A-1, Comment).

1947: Near Roswell, New Mexico. Fragments of apparent crashed craft observed by Air Force officer. (Case A-10).

1948: Crashed craft plus body, reported by newspaper columnist. (Item B-14).

1948 or 1950: Mexico, near Del Rio, Texas. Air Force officer observed crashed craft and one body. (Item B-7).

1950: California. Air crewman observed craft in Navy hangar. (Item B-5).



Attachment 2. — Composite drawing of Humanoid Head from reports by first-hand witnesses. This illustration was one of five submitted to former C.I.A. employee for review and comment. On July 6, 1978, being informed that the features in this rendition were "close enough", I released it in my first paper, "Retrievals of the Third Kind". (See Case A-6)

1952: New Mexico. Former Air Force radar specialist learned of crashed craft and bodies. (Case A-9).

1952: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Military officer, now retired, saw one body. Saw movie film of craft (see Case A-9), UFO files at NORAD, Colorado Springs, Colorado (see also Item B-3). (Case A-4).

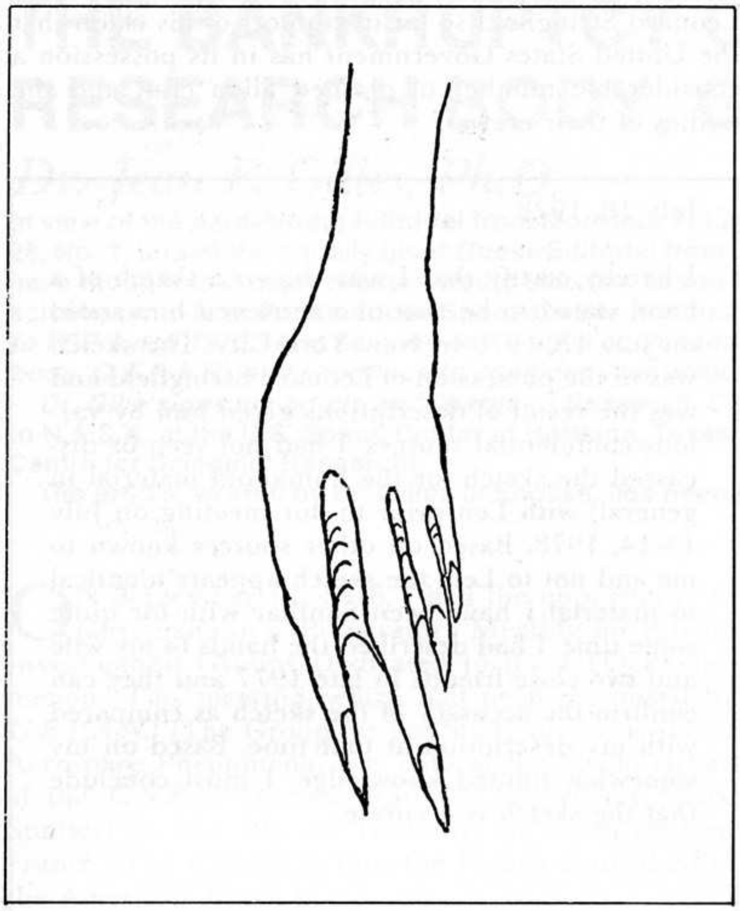
1953: Johannesburg, S. Africa, retrieval. (Case A-6).

1953: Arizona. Military officer saw three bodies, one female, at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, learned of crashed craft in Arizona. (Case A-1).

1953: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Technician reported presence of 13 bodies, saw written report confirming it. Learned two craft were at Langley AFB, Virginia. (Item B-6).

1953: Desert area. Movie film of crashed craft and three bodies seen by former Air Force officer (see Case A-4), a former Air Force radar specialist, a former Army radar specialist, and (about 1956) by a former Air Force officer. (Case A-9).

1957: Southwest United States. Former Air Force Sergeant learned from General about crashed craft



Attachment 3. — Drawing of Humanoid Hand from reports by first-hand witnesses was submitted to former C.I.A. employee for review and comment. On July 6, 1978, I was advised that the small trace of thumb which I had shown in sketch, should be removed. (See Case A-6).

and four bodies, craft shipped by rail to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. (Case A-5).

1962: New Mexico. Crashed craft, two bodies, head band "communicator" (see Case A-7, Comment). Source: Bob Barry, allegedly from CIA contact. (Case A-6).

1964: Ft. Riley, Kansas. Crashed craft reported by enlisted man on guard duty, confirmed by separate source. (Case A-8).

1965: Near Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. Crashed craft. Source: Clark McClelland, NASA employee. (Item B-1).

1966: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Nine bodies observed by former Army Intelligence officer, now a businessman. Learned there were 30 bodies plus crashed craft. Cited five crashes during 1960s and secret computer files on UFOs. (Case A-3).

1968: Nellis AFB, Nevada. Former Air Force Sergeant described Top Secret report on a UFO landing and encounter with humanoids during which Colonel was paralyzed and weapons were "jammed," learned from Air Force General. (Case A-5).

1973: Location not stated. Air Policeman observed three bodies. (Case A-2).

1975: Michigan. Crashed craft. (Item B-4).

1977: Ohio. Violent encounter reported between UFO humanoids and U.S. Military forces. (Item B-13).

1978: Argentina. Object crashed in mountains, report of U.S. Air Force retrieval. (Item B-8).

1979: Pennsylvania. Body retrieved along roadside. Apparent hoax. (Item B-14).

EPILOGUE

Who, in our world, is this strange little mortal of human configuration? Is the UFO crash/retrieval syndrome and its tandem, the humanoid, a part of a grand weird hoax, or, an officially or privately contrived deception? Hardly. Assuming that the biped does exist, and my monograph assumes just that, then is the little "monster" an experimental creation conceived by a clandestine earthly laboratory? Hardly. Or, again, assuming that all my informants are correct, is the creature with an overdeveloped head and atrophied body and limbs a distant relative of primordial man whose beginnings share a common cradle? Or, is the creature, born in space and developed through a parallel chemistry akin to the *Homo sapiens,* in an advanced state of evolutionary regression? And, finally, guessing again, we may ask is "it" a clone developed for tactical and expendable purposes by a higher order of extraterrestrial intelligence?

Whatever the state of its alleged existence, the entity is alien to man. Until more is known, we can only hope that the alien's large head may manifest a high enough intelligence to allow for its intentions to be merely curious and not hostile. With the paucity of reliable, firsthand information, I believe that the suggested use of a graph, by which I could show the physiological details reported by each witness, can offer little for qualitative analytical purposes. Perhaps the best graphic illustration is contained in the attached composite sketch conceived out of the data from the medical doctor who performed an autopsy.

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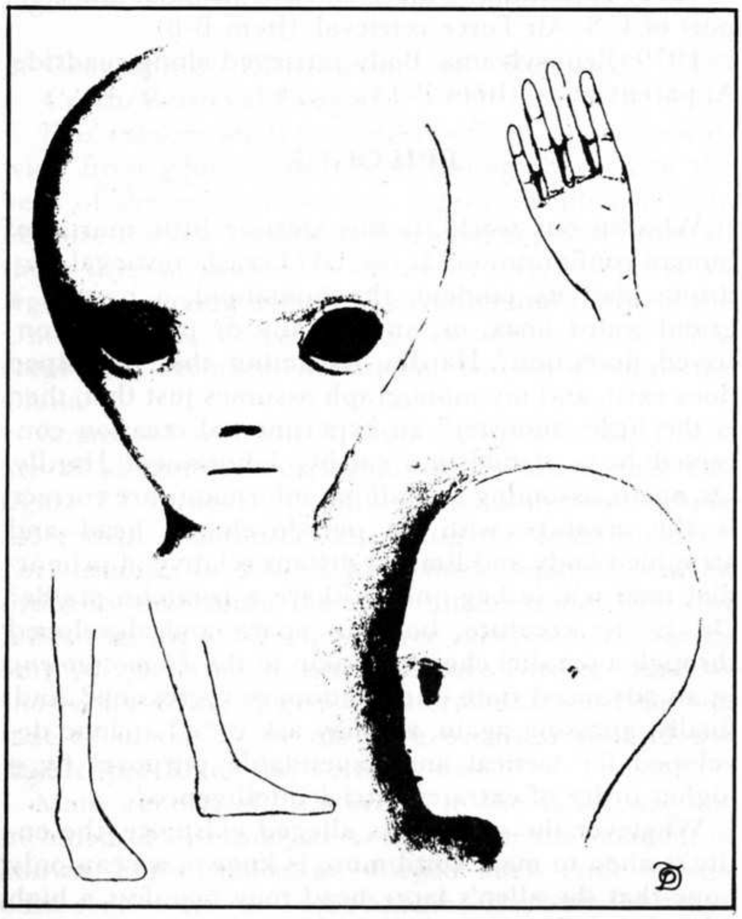
This completes FSR's publication of Mr. Stringfield's *The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome: Status Report II,* which was originally issued by Mutual UFO Network, Inc., in January 1980. In the near future however we shall resume the publication of Mr. Stringfield's investigations, and shall commence the issue of the full text of his latest work, *UFO Crash Retrievals: Amassing The Evidence: Status Report III,*

which he completed in June 1982. FSR's readers will thus have been able to study *in extenso,* without any abridgement, the whole of the material published by Leonard Stringfield so far in support of his claim that the United States Government has in its possession a considerable number of crashed alien craft and the bodies of their crews.



Attachment 4. — Conceptive features of humanoid submitted by researcher, Tom Deuley for this monograph, November 2, 1979.

July 18, 1978

I hereby certify that I was shown a sketch of a hand stated to be that of a retrieved humanoid on July 13, 1978 in New York City. The sketch was in the possession of Leonard Stringfield and was the result of descriptions given him by various confidential sources. I had not seen or discussed the sketch (or the humanoid material in general) with Len prior to our meeting on July 13-14, 1978. Based on other sources known to me and not to Len, the sketch appears identical to material I have been familiar with for quite some time. I had described the hands to my wife and two close friends in late 1977 and they can confirm the accuracy of the sketch as compared with my description at that time. Based on my somewhat limited knowledge, I must conclude that the sketch is accurate.

Ted Phillips

Attachment 5. Statement by Ted Phillips, 1978. (Ted Phillips, of Sedalia, Missouri, specializes in the investigation of UFO trace cases. He is affiliated with Dr. Hynek's Center for UFO Studies and with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

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THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE FRENCH UFO RESEARCH BODY, G.E.P.A.N.

Dr. Jean F. Gilles, Ph.D.

In view of the hard-hitting Editorial from Monsieur F. Lagarde *(A Warning To All)* which we published in FSR Vol. 28, No. 1, and of the equally blunt Guest-Editorial from Dr. J. Allen Hynek which we reprinted in Vol. 28, No. 3, we have thought that many readers would also like to see this article about G.E.P.A.N. by Dr. Jean F. Gille, a French scientist who is at the American Space Center at Houston, Texas. He describes himself as *"a faithful subscriber to FSR since 1970."* And he goes on: *"I am a confessed opponent of the policy followed by the French official body, G.E.P.A.N., and I continue to consider your unique journal a highly independent one."*

***Dr. Gille signs his article as "Chargé of Research, CNRS".* It looks therefore as though he is officially attached to N.A.S.A. at the U.S. Space Center at Houston, Texas as a representative of the French CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research).**

The article, written by Dr. Gilles in English, has been edited and re-arranged for emphasis. EDITOR

ON September 12, 1978, I had the opportunity to participate in a 'Preparatory Meeting for Private Investigation Groups Dedicated to the UFO Phenomenon.' This meeting, which had been organised by *G.E.P.A.N.*[1] (The Group for the Study of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena) was held at the headquarters of the *C.N.E.S.*[2] (French National Centre for Space Studies) in the city of Toulouse, in south-western France. (The *C.N.E.S.* is thus the French equivalent of the American *N.A.S.A.*)

The essential driving force at this gathering was Dr. Claude Poher, an engineer by profession, and nephew of a former Chairman of the French Senate.

I had with me two friends, members of a local French UFO study association. We had come there with no illusions, indeed with a pronounced and heavy feeling that nothing to the benefit of Ufology could be expected to emerge from the meeting.

But in fact the pitiful exhibition which followed went far beyond our most pessimistic expectations. For no less than seven hours we had to sit there and listen to the following official theme, propounded over and over again.:—

"WE are the ones who KNOW. For WE are the official scientists. As for you others, you private investigators, you don't possess the requisite qualifications. And, even if you did, by any extremely remote chance, possess those qualifications, we still would not be able to take any account of you, precisely because you do not possess the label: 'professional scientist.'

But, on the other hand, as regards the question of investigating UFOs, this subject does not really fall within our field, and, anyway, we have very little spare time. We are consequently obliged to confine ourselves to the framework of the French Hexagon. And we shall confine ourselves to using only the Gendarmerie's[3] *reports as our source material."*

Let us take the various points touched on in this sad litany. Firstly, the last point — the plan to use only the French Gendarmerie's UFO reports as material for investigation.

We were shown an organisational chart indicating the links between G.E.P.A.N. and the Gendarmerie. An eyewitness's account of a UFO observed by him had to travel up through a considerable length of the whole chain of command before it ended up with a top authority of the Gendarmerie. This top authority, located in Paris, might or might not, as the case might be, then send the report on to G.E.P.A.N. This prompted us to conclude that many of the most interesting and most striking cases — those with the very highest 'strangeness/probability index'[4] — *do not in fact go to G.E.P.A.N. at all, but go to certain other bodies which are, if we might so term it, of a far less 'obtrusive' nature than G.E.P.A.N. We need, for example, only to recall the extremely rapid*[5] *intervention of such 'unidentified' agencies at the time of Marius Dewilde's† sighting at Quarouble in 1954 or of the Valensole affair of 1965 (case of Monsieur Maurice Masse's lavender field landing.)††*

To rely on the Gendarmerie only as a source of UFO reports is like saying that only officially appointed forest rangers are capable of gathering good mushrooms!

The Scientific Attachés who are the permanent staff of G.E.P.A.N. are able to devote no more than ten per cent of their working time to the study of UFOs. We discussed these points with several of them — pleasant, friendly young men — and they admitted to us that, up to a few months previously, they had never even taken any interest in Ufology. So, here again, we see the same old trick being played which was used by those who set up the Condon Committee: they have engaged for G.E.P.A.N. only individuals who were totally uninterested in the UFO Problem and who had had no previous experience whatsoever in this field!

Well now, do you find this sort of guiding principle being applied with regard to research into any other field of knowledge? One would certainly hope not! In general, we find that, when people are selected to en-

gage in certain research work, those picked will be among the candidates who have the best grasp of the subject in question and the deepest interest in it!

This amateurishness towards the practical side of the work leads us on to the next point — a consideration of the sources from which G.E.P.A.N. is financed. The vitally important matter of funds was scarcely mentioned at the Conference in Toulouse. The probability is in fact that the funds available for UFO research would be very small.

Now, all these indications suggest of course that G.E.P.A.N. is no more than a Government-monitored public relations agency. The real, fundamental, research on UFOs is not being done there. It is going on elsewhere, with G.E.P.A.N. serving simply as a front. It is totally outside of the scope of G.E.P.A.N., who have no more access to it than we do.

Should further proof be sought that G.E.P.A.N. is principally an exercise in public relations, we need do no more than take a look at the various individuals who were invited to take part in the Toulouse Conference. These were not folk who had been invited there at random. None of the delegates representing the private UFO investigation groups were professional scientists. They were all manifestly very proud to be invited there, the invitation having an official flavour about it, and the gathering being convened within the framework of the *C.N.E.S.*, the French National Agency for Space Studies.

We even observed one delegate having himself photographed in front of the main gate of the *C.N.E.S.* where we read, in lovely gold lettering, the words CENTRE NATIONAL D'ETUDES SPATIALES (NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPACE STUDIES.)

Clearly these folk felt it a great boost to their egos to be invited by an official scientific agency like the *C.N.E.S.* It wasn't something to be sniffed at! Their attitude consequently was one of *reverence.* For all of us there that day there was something of the sensation of a child receiving elementary teaching and instruction. *Out of the whole long day taken with lectures, just one solitary hour was allocated for free discussion.*

When it was all over, the only conclusion to be drawn was that we had been attending an operation staged with the objective of debunking, demoralising, in mind. For such, after all, is the true purpose of a public relations agency decked out, as G.E.P.A.N. is, in a scientific disguise. The aim is simply to act as a buffer between, on the one hand, the growing public interest in UFOs, and on the other hand, the governmental institutions which normally would have to cope with the UFO Problem.

In the top echelons at G.E.P.A.N. they have of course no illusions and perceive very well what they are doing. *They know!* But, so long as the activities of the Aliens continue to be very discreet, the various governments on this Planet can carry on with their present policy of Silence, of saying nothing. All that is required, maybe from time to time, is some minor gesture, such as the setting up, say, of G.E.P.A.N. This serves to allay people's worries and calm them down.

All this rather puts us in mind (though of course it is another story) of the role played by certain labour unions in certain countries, whose primary function is to allow the workers to give vent to their frustration by means of *'happenings'*, such as 'staged' strikes. All of which however changes nothing. After a little carefully controlled 'fuss', banners are suddenly produced and waved aloft, bearing impressive 'official' looking initials, and the organisers of the strike then proclaim:—

> *Don't worry! We are the ones who know, and who can fix things. And WE are taking over!"*

As we have seen in the case of G.E.P.A.N. and the C.N.E.S., it is all a load of nonsense. All that we have seen is a few individuals playing the roles of *"True Possessors of Knowledge".* These folk make a brief appearance, and then vanish behind the "We Don't Know" Curtain.

Such a display of contempt for the public calls for some comment. One thing that we noticed, for example, was that although a few of the 'Scientific Attachés' did make a personal appearance on the platform, and Dr. Claude Poher did make a show of facing up to his responsibilities (the whole affair was in fact nothing much else but a one-man-show starring Claude Poher), the members of the so-called 'Committee of Wise Men' — the Scientific Committee — were very careful to remain unseen and strictly anonymous.

Just before the meeting closed, we were hastily shown a transparency listing the names of the Scientific Attachés, plus a sketchy organisational chart purporting to indicate the links between G.E.P.A.N. and The-Powers-That-Be.

Courage is not exactly the most frequent trait displayed by the scientific community, though, to be sure, exceptions to this rule do exist. And we met some of them. *We can only pray that not all of our scientific colleagues will have to wait until they are Nobel Prize-winners before they dare to stand up and proclaim, loudly and clearly, what they know about Flying Saucers.*

At the Toulouse Conference, despite all the vigorous thrusting from Jimmy Guieu — who has made his name both as a writer of Science-Fiction and as one of the great pioneers of French Ufology — and despite his bold call from the floor to the thin line of scientists facing us from the platform that they should *'come clean and spill the beans'*, it was patently obvious that there was going to be no relaxation. Quite clearly, we, the invited children, were being regarded and treated as children — children from whom certain 'facts of life' had got to be concealed.

Concluding his announcements, Claude Poher then declared that he was resigning from the leadership of

G.E.P.A.N. But nothing was said about the appointment of a successor[6] to him, and no plans for the future were outlined. The whole affair was thus being terminated in a smog of vagueness and carefully planned let-down. What should have been a solemn and glamorous 'christening ceremony' had turned out to be an apologetic and quasi-clandestine 'funeral service!'

Shortly afterwards, we read this one day in the weekly magazine supplement of the newspaper *Le Figaro* — the unofficial 'journal' of the French Bourgeoisie:—

"... real UFO phenomena are rare. At G.E.P.A.N. we have a few files to chew on. It is highly probable that, if there is no development in the situation within the course of the next two years — and there seems little likelihood that there will be such development — then G.E.P.A.N. will disappear."

That same issue of *Le Figaro* carried the report that Dr. Claude Poher was just about to set off to sail round the world. We can only say that we hope at any rate that in future the ex-chief of G.E.P.A.N. will have better luck with the sort of boats he pilots.

Houston, Texas.
September 19, 1981.

AUTHOR'S FOOTNOTES

1. *G.E.P.A.N.* was created by the *C.N.E.S.* (French National Centre for Space Studies) on January 5, 1977.
2. *C.N.E.S.* is thus the French equivalent of the American *N.A.S.A.*
3. The French *Gendarmerie* are a law-enforcement agency with extensive duties. Officially a part of the French Armed Forces, they have a range of powers extending approximately from those of U.S. Marshalls and/or Sheriffs to those of the U.S. National Guard. They have the reputation of being the most benign of France's numerous State Police corps. (A few of which are known under such initials as the D.S.T.; the S.D.E.C.E.; the C.R.S.; the R.G.; the Air Intelligence, etc.) *None* of these numerous police bodies are in any way under the control of the local citizenry, but they are answerable exclusively to the highly centralised Executive Powers. This means, at the least, answerable to the Attorney-General (equal to 'Secretary of Justice') or, in the cases of the most efficient of them, to the President of the French Republic alone.
4. A classificatory diagram devised by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Professor Emeritus and Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University. Also former Scientific Consultant to the U.S. Air Force. Founder in 1973 of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois.
5. We were told, with a great deal of artlessness and a touch of humour, of a case with physical traces (CE II)... G.E.P.A.N. were there on the site *fourteen days after the event!*
6. Late in November 1978, some time after we had written the first French draft of this paper, Dr. Poher's successor, Monsieur Alain Esterle, was appointed. However today, three years after that event, our main conclusions regarding G.E.P.A.N. remain unchanged. On the subject of UFOs — about which at least some of the G.E.P.A.N. members do have a little knowledge — you won't hear a whisper there. G.E.P.A.N. is a splendid excuse designed to help private UFO associations and civilian researchers to fall asleep, to retire from the field. And indeed it was for that very purpose that it was devised!

COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

(†) The case of Marius Dewilde (Quarouble, Nord) occurred on September 10, 1954, during the incredible UFO 'Wave' which hit France and Italy and other parts of Western Europe in the summer and autumn of that year. The case has been very well written up in the French books of Ufology and rates as a 'classic', but so far as I can recall it never got into FSR (which was not launched until the following year, 1955). I recall however that the case was carried, and in good detail, prominently in a number of the British newspapers of the time, notably the *Daily Express.* Such treatment would certainly be unthinkable in the British press today. The brief facts of this very interesting case are that the steelworker Marius Dewilde (or de Wilde as some sources gave it) was sitting reading the paper in the kitchen of his home at Quarouble, near the Franco-Belgian frontier, at about 11.00 p.m. when suddenly he noticed that the radio was blotted out by heavy static and he heard his dog howling in terror outside and scrabbling at the door to get in. Going out, he saw a dark object straddling the narrow-gauge railway line that ran by his house, and two small beings in "divers' suits", with big heads, walking beside the rails. Heading towards them to intercept them, he saw a beam of purple light shoot from the dark object on the line, and was instantly paralysed and rooted at the spot. In this state of helplessness he watched the two entities re-enter their craft and take off. The departing UFO blasted off with a sheet of flame and was observed by occupants of several adjacent villages. The French Police and Secret Service were soon on the spot, and they found that the stone chippings of the railway bed at the spot where Dewilde said the craft had stood were strangely blackened and calcined as though by the action of great heat. They also found a number of inexplicable deep indentations in the sleepers. Many years later we learnt through Aimé

Michel that the French Secret Service had calculated that to have made such indentations the craft must have weighed at least 35 tons.

The case is listed very briefly as No. 9 in Dr. Jacques Vallée's article *The Pattern Behind the UFO Landings,* which forms part of FSR's book *The Humanoids* (Ed. Charles Bowen.)

(††) For Charles Bowen's and Aimé Michel's accounts of the even more famous French case at Valensole, see FSR Vol. 11, Nos. 5 and 6 *(A Significant Report from France)* and Vol. 14, No. 1 , *(A Visit to Valensole.)*

Dr. Gille's references here to *"unidentified"* and *"unobtrusive"* agencies which are the true governmental investigators of UFOs in France relate to the various French Secret Services as indicated by their initials in the Author's footnote No. 3 above. These shadowy but all-powerful and ubiquitous surveillance systems correspond to the many and various establishments of a like nature in the USA and Britain.

As has already been pointed out in FSR on previous occasions, Dr. Hynek himself, when he was a consultant to the U.S. Air Force *(Project Blue Book)* concluded at an early date that the Air Force's alleged involvement in UFO research was possibly purely a 'front' and that the study of all these matters in the United States was probably the task of another, and highly secret, body, which we have sometimes seen referred to in recent years as the *'UFO Board'* — allegedly a branch or a dependency of the *National Security Agency,* the USA's most secret arm. Mrs. Coral Lorenzen also indicated years ago in one of her books that she fully realised that the U.S. Air Force was acting as a 'front', and that another body, named by her as the *'UFO Board',* was running the true investigation in America.

POSTSCRIPT Just as this issue of FSR goes to press, we notice that the Lorenzens' excellent *APRO Bulletin* (Vol. 30, No. 9) carries a note about this article by Dr. Gille, plus some vitally important comment of their own. After emphasising the relationship between the situation now prevailing in G.E.P.A.N. and Monsieur F. Lagarde's *Warning to All,* Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen conclude their remarks with the following paragraphs which deserve to be pondered at length by all of us:—

"Monsieur F. Lagarde points out that, like the Condon Committee, G.E.P.A.N.'s 'cooperation' was 'one-way' — from UFO research organisation to GEPAN — *period!*

"We here at APRO have been observing the UFO field around the world for longer than any other group. We have made some observations which, if we were to delineate them here, would signal to our adversaries concerning just how much we know, and what we suspect. Lagarde's article is full of his frustration and disappointment. The old 'bait and switch' play started here in the United States. We think it is time for the 'concealers' to begin a new phase of the operation calculated to stifle all UFO knowledge, so we will now wait to see what their next move will be.

"In the case of G.E.P.A.N., we can't help but wonder if Claude Poher, who was respected and admired by UFO researchers throughout France, could have been a sacrificial lamb? Or a Judas goat? Which?"

Meanwhile, rumours have continued to reach FSR which indicated that Dr. Jean Gille's prediction was only too correct, and that G.E.P.A.N. was about to expire quietly.

On February 20 of this year the London *Sunday Times* carried the following article:—

FLYING SAUCERS SOUGHT NO MORE

"In an amusing display of scepticism about the existence of extraterrestrial life, the Mitterand Government has decided to close a unique research establishment set up six years ago to investigate unidentified flying objects.

"But it has encountered unexpectedly stiff opposition from some scientists who are shocked that the Socialists do not believe in flying saucers.

"One scientific writer, Jean-François Boedec, said that the research centre, the *Groupe d'Etudes des Phénomeǹes Spatiaux,* had paid the price of being too closely associated with the former President, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who set it up in 1977.

"The Government denies the closure has been motivated out of political spite. It says the idea was 'an expensive folly'.

"It now emerges that Giscard, who had an almost schoolboy passion for UFOs, was persuaded to open the Centre on the advice of a scientist friend who ran it for a year, then resigned it to sail around the world in a yacht.

"Since then the Centre has been sifting through the dozens of reports of UFOs sent in every year by the public. It distributed instruction manuals to 15,000 police stations on what to look for and what questions to ask eyewitnesses. As an added inducement, each police station was given sophisticated photographic equipment to record any strange light in the sky and help identify its probable source.

"The Centre's most noteworthy success was in exposing two hoaxers who claimed, amid a blaze of publicity in 1979, that they had been 'kidnapped' and held for several days in a spaceship. The exposure took two years."

This intriguing little piece of chitchat inspired us to write off to France, where we have very well-informed contacts in both the political and the ufological spheres, and the picture which has been reported back to us is an interesting one, well worthy of being placed on record.

It seems that France's Socio-Communists have indeed just attempted to kill off G.E.P.A.N., since, being sensible chaps, they all know that UFOs don't exist anyway, and they are indeed convinced that the whole idea of the Centre was simply a silly private fad of Giscard d'Estaing's, just as our London paper had reported. But they ran into trouble and were stopped. *By whom?* Who, in France, is more powerful than the present socialist government and the present socialist President? ANSWER: THE FRENCH ARMY AND THE FRENCH SECRET AND SECURITY SERVICES! These, then, are the people who have secured the reprieve for G.E.P.A.N., because indeed they are the people for whom it was created in the first place.

No other theory makes sense, for the present French Government, having squandered the nation's resources so foolishly, is making desperate efforts to secure economies wherever it can. And therefore, if it has not closed down G.E.P.A.N., this is only because it could not do it.

So G.E.P.A.N. survives. We are left with a curious situation. Our French political/ufological commentator sums it up:—

"G.E.P.A.N. continues. But I will wager that it will never again publish anything. Like Condon before it, but in a slightly different fashion, it will end up under the wraps of military secrecy — without of course saying so. This means that in France, as elsewhere, the Military are hiding what they know about the UFOs.

"And what is it that they know?

"Yes, Giscard d'Estaing 'was one of us!' But of course he was being encouraged by the Army, who were in fact using him."

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New UFO books reviewed by . . . *Janet & Colin Bord*

ONE of the most interesting aspects of ufology, and potentially the most fruitful in terms of finding explanations for people's UFO reports, is the study of paranormal phenomena and their relationship to the UFO experience, along with the parallel study of witness psychology, but until recently little work has been done or published in these fields. Now Mark Moravec has collected together the results of his own studies as *PSIUFO Phenomena:* A Study of UFOs and the Paranormal (published by the Australian Centre for UFO studies and available from Arcturus Book Service, 263 N. Ballston Ave., Scotia, N.Y. 12302, U.S.A., price $13.50 plus postage: 85c in U.S. and $1 abroad; 138 pages; large-format spiral-bound softcover with clear typewriter print). The main topics under discussion in Part 1 are mental communication, poltergeists, apparitions, healings, ghostlights, and time lapses/abductions, followed by an analysis of Australian cases, and psychological, paranormal and physical interpretations of the data. The author only just acknowledges the possibility that there may be a physical explanation for some UFO experiences, and while accepting the importance of psychological and paranormal explanations, we suspect that a greater number of cases involve sightings of physical craft from an unknown source than Moravec allows for. However this slight interpretational imbalance does not detract from the importance and value of Moravec's work, with which all ufologists who are seriously seeking the answers to the UFO mystery should be familiar. In Part 2 there is a 30-page list of Australian PSIUFO cases, with details of each, and sources. Part 3 consists of five appendixes, including a comprehensive questionnaire for investigators of PSIUFO phenomena. This publication is a serious, sensible and above all *relevant* contribution to UFO study. Highly recommended.

Many millions of words must have been uttered in the search for a solution to the mystery of the lights seen and filmed from an aircraft off the New Zealand coast four years ago, and now one of the participants, Quentin Fogarty, has written his version of the events and their aftermath: *Let's Hope They're Friendly!* (large-format paperback published by Angus and Robertson, Australia; price A$9.95; 178 pages; index; illustrated with black and white photographs, and colour stills from the film). If Fogarty and his colleagues had known what was in store for them, they possibly would have decided not to film the strange lights. As Fogarty comments of the first 138 days: 'They were 138 days of hassles, mental and physical strain, rumour, soured friendships and, very occasionally, a little bit of happiness. I certainly got myself a world scoop, but at a price.' The amount of energy that was expended by those convinced that a 'genuine unidentified flying object' had been filmed, and those equally convinced that the film showed Jupiter, or ball lightning, or boat lights, or birds, or whatever, indicates if nothing else that nothing less than a sizeable chunk of a crashed UFO is needed to prove to the world that

UFOs exist. Of course that will be tricky if, as some believe, UFOs are non-physical; and those who are convinced that UFOs have already crashed are having a hard time proving it without any artefacts to show. The Kaikoura events remain as a warning to anyone who confidently expects to prove to the world the reality of UFOs by means of film or photographs. Fogarty's book is well put together and well presented, and is compulsive reading if you enjoy the minutiae of the UFO world.

Investigators of UFO reports who are frequently faced with reports of enigmatic luminous phenomena will welcome a new volume compiled by William R. Corliss: *Lightning, Auroras, Nocturnal Lights, and Related Luminous Phenomena* (The Sourcebook Project, P.O. Box 107, Glen Arm, MD 21057, U.S.A.; hardback; price $11.95; 242 pages; indexes; illustrated). Readers familiar with Corliss's sixteen earlier books will know his methods. By searching through scientific journals he finds the anomalous reports which science has recorded but would rather leave entombed on the library shelves. Corliss resurrects and republishes them for the delight of all Forteans and lovers of *real* mystery. These abstracts are organised into coherent groupings and comprehensive references to sources are given with each section. Corliss has devised his own classification system which is common to all his publications and this particular volume has 'over 1100 examples of 103 luminous geophysical phenomena'. With more than 1100 references and three indexes of author, source and subject, the approach is serious, responsible, organised and thoroughly competent. The compiler's personal comment is minimal and clearly differentiated from the reports, and there are also numerous line illustrations and photographs. Of particular help to the ufologist will be the sections GLM 'Low level meteor-like luminous phenomena', GLN 'Nocturnal lights' and GLA 'Aurora-like phenomena'. GLB contains reports of ball lightning, and GLD 'Diffuse electrical discharge phenomena' associated with the earth's surface. Perusing this volume brings home the realisation that our atmosphere can contain many forms of luminous phenomena about which little is known. In rescuing these obscure reports Corliss provides both a service and a pleasure for all ufologists and Forteans.

It is nearly ten years since Loren E. Gross published the first edition of his valuable study of one of ufology's older mysteries, the Scandinavian 'ghost rockets' of 1946. Now an enlarged, updated edition of *The Mystery of the Ghost Rockets* is available (Arcturus Book Service, address above; price $6.95; large-format spiral-bound paperback; 68 pages). The immediate postwar period was an especially sensitive time for a mystery of this nature to arise, and military experts of many nations made efforts to learn what the 'rockets' really were. There are of course conflicting explanations, and in Sweden the research still continues. The material collected by Loren Gross is visually well presented, and readable. Arcturus Book Service have also started to reissue a series of papers by Loren E. Gross which together form *UFOs: A History*. The first volume covers the period July 1947 to December 1948, and is described by the author as follows: 'A minor catalogue of UFO reports and notations on various unofficial inquiries by individuals and privately funded organisations, as well as commentary on military investigations and governmental policies.' This material gives an intriguing retrospective look at American ufology's earliest days, and would make an especially nostalgic read for those who have followed the subject from that time. As successive volumes are published, *UFOs: A History* will build up to a valuable chronicle. (Available from Arcturus Book Service, address above; price $13.95; large-format spiral-bound paperback; 160 pages; illustrated.)

James E. Oberg calls himself 'a sympathetic skeptic' so far as ufology is concerned, but it's a moot point whether he really is sympathetic. He seems to take a delight in demolishing the majority of the UFO material in this book: *UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries* (The Donning Company, Virginia; price $6.95; paperback; 192 pages; illustrated; bibliography). In fact there is only a small proportion of 'hard-core' UFO material here — most of the chapters deal with outer-space 'mysteries'. In this field Oberg is most enlightening and clears away plenty of rubbish, such as astronauts' UFO sightings, moon mysteries especially so-called traces of alien civilisations, the Sirius mystery, the Russian jellyfish UFO of 1977. There is also a chapter on the 1908 Tunguska detonation, and another on Russia's 'missing' cosmonauts. This is all good, sensible stuff, but Oberg's handling of UFO material is less satisfactory (except for the chapter on hoaxes), so readers should not take the first 36 pages too seriously.

The realisation that we now have behind us 35 years of UFO literature has encouraged those with a mania for cataloguing to start recording it for posterity, the junk along with the pearls. Gray Barker's *A UFO Guide to Fate* (spiral-bound large-format paperback published by Saucerian Press and available from Arcturus Book Service, address above; price $9.95; 102 pages) is purely a reference work, and as such would have benefited from the omission of the compiler's attempts at humour in his introductory passages. The UFO material published in 'Fate' magazine since its inception in 1948 is here listed chronologically, by author, by subject, and by title; and articles on other strange phenomena are also included, which increases the value of the Guide. It is fascinating to see what a range of subjects has been covered by 'Fate' in the 33 years up to 1980, which is where this listing ends. Equally fascinating from a bibliographical point of view is Tom Lind's *The Catalogue of UFO Periodicals* (spiral-bound large-format paperback published

by the compiler and available from him at P.O. Box 711, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455-0711, U.S.A.; price $14.50 including postage abroad; 282 pages). It is totally amazing how many publications dealing with UFOs have been spawned since 1947, and most of them it seems lasted only for a few issues. Tom Lind gives as much information on each as he has been able to discover: location, publisher, address, editor, dates of first and last editions, frequency. An incredible multiplicity of titles has emerged, including some very strange ones: 'Galac Ticks from the Universal Clock', 'Lavender Sun Newsletter', 'Flying Manure Spreader News'. Both these catalogues will be of great value to anyone interested in or researching the history of ufology.

In *The Andreasson Affair, Phase Two* by Raymond Fowler (Prentice-Hall, Inc., New Jersey; price $10.95; 278 pages; illustrated; bibliography; index) Betty Andreasson undergoes more hypnotic regressions (see *The Andreasson Affair* reviewed in FSR Vol. 25, No. 6) and a series of events are reported which are as amazing as those disclosed in the first book. She revealed that her earliest experience was in 1944 at the age of seven, when she had a contact experience whilst playing in her garden. Aged thirteen she underwent a typical physical examination during an abduction and continued with a series of visits to inexplicable locations culminating in a meeting with the 'One', beyond a great glass door, a meeting with mystical religious overtones but about which she can say nothing. Her new husband Robert Luca also underwent several sessions of hypnotic regression in order to delve into his hidden memory of 1967 when he had a UFO sighting and a time loss of three hours. It was his attempts to find an explanation for this experience that had caused him to originally meet and later marry Betty. Under hypnosis he too disclosed eventful contacts, first in 1944 aged five and later in 1967. As in the first book, the events revealed are involved, obscure, sometimes terrifying for the percipients, and contain a strong religious message. The Lucas have, since their major experiences, been subjected to a continual stream of psychic occurrences, ranging from levitating, apporting and disappearing objects to phantom prowlers in their house. They say also that they have repeatedly been harrassed by low-flying unmarked helicopters whose origin cannot be determined. The author concludes with first a review of reactions to and criticisms of the first book, secondly an exposition of biblical miracles seen in a ufological context, and finally a concise review of the messages conveyed to Betty and her husband by the entities during each of their experiences. If these events are accepted as a factual account of real experiences, then they suggest that the entity/percipient interaction is not a chance event but part of a continuing plan of surveillance and selection and that every CE3 may have a series of such encounters buried within the witness's unconscious memory. Alternatively, as the functions of the mind are so little understood, the critics of the hypnotic techniques used can still maintain that the reports are more likely to be based on unconscious fantasy rather than fact.

AN OPEN LETTER TO AN IMPATIENT UFOLOGIST

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(Translation from French)

Just as is happening in the U.S.A. and here, a vigorous effort is now being made in France to prove conclusively that all the remarkable events of the great UFO Waves of 25 and 30 years ago were either fraudulent or due to misinterpretation of normal phenomena. As the events in question become more distant in time and more of the eye-witnesses die off, this task will naturally become steadily more easy. In the meantime, however, we are indebted to Messrs R. Veillith and F. Lagarde and the Editorial Committee of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* for this important statement from an eminent French scientist, which appeared in No. 215/216 of their Journal (May-June 1982).

EDITOR

You know perfectly well that the things which, for want of a better term, we call "UFOs", do really exist, even if you have no bits and pieces of one to present as evidence to the Academy of Sciences. The whole of your "parallel" activity as a "Ufologist" has been spent by you in trying to prove that reality, against the allegations of the "rationalists", and you have succeeded in proving it, whatever *they* may continue to claim. Their persistence in denying the facts astonishes you, indeed it even disgusts you. The truth is that you simply cannot understand their attitude — and I am very much afraid that they themselves have not fully analyzed the causes of it. But I think I understand the reasons for it, and I shall try to explain these reasons

to you. First of all, however, I would like to remind you of the kind of "proofs" that you have secured. This aspect is fundamental to our discussion.

It is all too easy to claim to examine, one by one (as our opponents have now triumphantly done) all the press reports that served as the source material here in France 28 years ago for Aimé Michel's book about "mysterious objects in the skies", and then to proceed to show, by re-questioning the alleged witnesses so many years afterwards (provided of course that they aren't already dead in the meantime), or by questioning their neighbours — who didn't like them anyway maybe and who hadn't believed them at the time — it's all too easy, I repeat, to argue, as our critics are now doing, that ALL those reports were mistakes relating to the Moon, or to meteorites, or — more rarely — to common or garden hoaxes, plus the fact that, to cap it all, the journalists had in any case generally distorted the stories in the process. In certain of the cases that have been analyzed in this fashion I am indeed in entire agreement with the conclusions arrived at by the opposition, even though I doubt very much whether they have had the sheer physical time REALLY to investigate every single one of the cases that they quote. Far too often, due to the mere force of circumstances, they have carried out these investigations of theirs *by .... telephone!* But that's not the worst of it! In actual fact, the cases "knocked off" by them in this fashion only amount anyway to about 80% of the total number of cases listed in Aimé Michel's book, and not "the whole lot" as is claimed by those whom our opponents get to write the prefaces of their books.

Now it is *precisely* these cases that have been left out and that the other side don't talk about — it is *precisely* these that stand up so strongly against all attempts to "settle" them. *Every Ufologist has long been aware that the main percentage, 80%, (90% sometimes, depending on the source), is precisely the proportion of the reports that, AFTER DUE INVESTIGATION, do yield to other explanations, leaving us then with a vital residue.* But anyway, let us disregard this attempt to refute Ufology by a piece of blatant intellectual dishonesty — *dishonesty,* because it is done knowingly, in the attempt to make us believe that irreducible 20% (or 10% as the case may be) of the reports are reducible too.

The reason why these 20% (or 10%) of the cases are "irreducible" is NOT because (as the denying camp make out) the eyewitnesses reported too few details, but — on the contrary - *it is because of the very abundance and the very precision of their details!* When a claimed sighting has lasted for many seconds — sometimes for much more than a whole minute — giving the eyewitnesses time enough in which to pinch themselves and make sure that they aren't dreaming, and when the object (for that's what we must call it — *the object*) is seen, often in broad daylight, at a small or medium distance (established with the aid of reference markers provided by the terrain) with an apparent diameter exceeding by several orders of magnitude the separative power of the eye, and when it reveals numerous precise structured details, as well as movements — then in such cases as these you can't invoke bad viewing conditions, or the effect of surprise — both of which factors are wont to render many human testimonies fragile in the extreme. Oh no! In such cases as these, I say, we have from the outset but three possibilities left to us, namely:—

1. The eyewitness or the eyewitnesses have made it up.
2. They are mentally sick individuals, prone to hallucinations.
3. They are people of sound mind who have genuinely seen what they report, and what they describe, if not with perfect accuracy, at least sufficiently exactly for any correlation with known objects or known phenomena to be ruled right out.

If we now turn to hoaxes, our opponents themselves admit that hoaxes are relatively rare. And let me add that every serious investigator who has conducted his enquiries *at the source* (and I admit that I myself have sometimes failed to live up to this rule) has, generally speaking, no difficulty whatever in showing up a hoax — often the authors are only too unable to refrain for long from boasting about it. And if it's a mythomaniac with whom you are dealing, the behaviour of the "witness" will not deceive the alert investigator.

As regards *hallucinations,* you are aware that we have contacted psychiatrists and have, on several occasions, passed on to them for consultation a witness whose prior consent has, of course, been obtained. Occasionally the diagnosis "mentally sick" has been positive (cranial traumatism), but, far more often the diagnosis has been negative, and in these latter cases the eyewitnesses could in no manner whatsoever have "hallucinated" what they had seen. *In any event, we have learned from the psychiatrists that, if hallucination there be, it cannot provoke visions presenting the precise features of the good UFO reports.* And indeed those who were seen by the doctors and were found to be suffering from cranial traumatisms had never described other than utterly "woolly" scenes. And, finally, we found that the alleged "waking dream", by eyewitnesses of sound mind but beset by anxiety over the dangers of war or pollution, *does not exist medically,* and is nothing but an *ad hoc* invention cooked up by certain opponents of Ufology who are hard put to it for an argument with which to bolster up their case.

And so, by a process of elimination, we have come to the point where it is necessary to accept the thesis of *the thing seen correctly and described correctly.* And, incidentally, we possess an indirect proof of the reality of such accounts. This stems from sightings of meteor-

ites, or of space-craft re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. Many witnesses say, in such cases, that they saw a "UFO", and that this "UFO" was spitting out fire through its tubes and had portholes. What they say was "fire" is in fact a very good description by them of the tail of ionized gas behind the meteor, and when they say "portholes" what they are describing no less precisely are the various parts of the craft as seen in succession the one after the other. All of which permits of precise identification, and only serves to enhance the quality of the witness's statement.

All of this so far, as you see, pertains to the domain of *testimonial evidence,* and not to the domain of what is called "scientific" proof. But, incidentally, *is* there actually such a thing as scientific proof? Does it exist? After giving careful thought to this point, I think I doubt it — at least I doubt it at least insofar as "crude" observed and reported facts are concerned. The proof of a crude fact, in the absence of any explanatory model, cannot be other then merely testimonial. When the pieces of evidence are sufficiently numerous and are mutually concordant — their independence incidentally being guaranteed (and this was always the case in respect of UFO reports before the media got into the act and debased the material) — one can indeed arrive at a degree of conviction which, while it is not scientific proof, and never could be scientific proof, nevertheless still carries weight. We see this every day in the course of scientific work, where everything has its start in this way, and where the explanatory models only come later — at any rate in theory.

Why then is it — and it is this that makes you so wild — why is it that there are two sets of weights and two systems of measurement? What I am saying is this: why are UFOs rejected by the scientific community as a whole whereas, for example, meteorites were accepted when testimonial proof of them was supplied to the French Academy of Sciences by Biot? Don't tell me that the proof for meteorites wasn't only testimonial, but was also "material" — fragments of stones that had dropped from the sky having been gathered up *in situ* by Biot and taken by him to Paris. What I am saying is that the fragments of meteorites were *likewise* only "testimonial" — *based on somebody else's statements* (just as the marks left on the ground by UFOs are), for it was necessary to accept the word of the peasants who had seen those stones falling, and also to accept the word of Biot that these examples produced by him *really were* some of those stones!

Oh no! the true reason why the meteorites were accepted at that particular moment in time derives from the fact that chemistry and crystallography were sufficiently developed at that date to be able to furnish, lock stock and barrel, the whole experimental and conceptual framework that was necessary for the analysis and the comprehension of the meteorites. A century or so earlier, it had not been so, and the meteorites were rejected, despite the fact that the testimonial proofs that stones had fallen from the sky were already just as much available as they would be later.

The epistemologists inform us *how Science should be;* the historians of Science tell us *how it is.* Every new phenomenon (which it is legitimate to doubt in the beginning, from scientific prudence) is, generally speaking, given consideration ONLY IF IT FITS INTO AN ALREADY EXISTING CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK. In Biot's day, meteorites could be fitted into such a framework, but could not have done so earlier. In our days, the UFOs cannot (yet) fit into our Science. So, despite all the evidential proofs, they are rejected.

You aren't going to change anything . . .

This rejection is in the first place *psychological.* For as long as Science has existed, all those phenomena, at first unexplained, which religious and/or simply popular belief attributed to a non-human intelligent intervention often labelled "divine" or "diabolical" (such as lightning, disasters, etc.) have gradually turned out to be explicable on the basis of natural laws, without intervention by spirit, or by *a* spirit. With the result that scientists have got into the habit of considering that any new phenomenon seeming *prima facie* to derive from some non-human intervention external to the Earth is either a case of poor observation or reducible to a non-intelligent natural phenomenon that the eyewitness has failed to recognise properly. Any attitude opposed to this is regarded as intellectual regression.

And then too we have the arguments from Physics. Our present-day knowledge of the topological structure of the Universe is confined to spaces x, y, z, etc., and we cannot imagine that, in order to go from one star to another star, there is any way by which one could travel other than along one continuous trajectory. This Space is the arena for the interplay of the relativistic limitations of speed and energy, which render impossible journeys aboard very small craft like the UFOs, in a reasonable span of time, and with a sufficiency of "fuel." The single, unique landing of one immense space-craft arriving here from the depths of Interstellar Space once in a few thousand years would not upset the physicist. What does upset him is this vast coming and going of small craft that appear, into the bargain, to defy all the laws of inertia in our own atmosphere. This in fact is one of the real reasons for the rejection of the UFOs by the "rationalists." But we Ufologists have long been of the opinion that maybe the topological structure of the Universe is more complex than we nowadays admit it to be, and that there might exist spatio-temporal "short-cuts" that would permit journeys from one star to another, without involving any violation of the relativistic limitations in a classic four-dimensional Space. Mathematical models (so-called "twin universes") already exist today, but we have absolutely no knowledge of whether, over

and beyond their unquestionable internal logic, they apply to reality and possess any physical meaning. Models such as these would make it possible to cancel out the inertial impossibilities. Thus, a UFO performing a right-angled turn at very high speed would in reality be possessed of no movement in Space x, y, or z, etc. It would be occupying a series of successive instantaneous positions, in between which it would be making use of the "short-cuts" envisaged by us above. This incidentally would fit very well with certain sightings in which a craft has vanished as it were "on the spot", and reappeared immediately afterwards in the near vicinity. *But of course all this is still Science-Fiction, and will be, until the day when our most orthodox, most rational Physics makes a break-through in our present-day notions of Time and Space. And we don't know whether that will ever come, nor when.*

So far as I myself am concerned, I am now too old, and, above all, my training as an experimental scientist means that there are too many gaps in my theoretical knowledge for me to think of undertaking any research myself along these lines. But I do know that there are investigators (not necessarily people who are interested in UFOs) who are thinking of it.

In any case, until the day comes when our Science is sufficiently advanced to be able to find a place for UFOs, it is totally useless to try to get the scientific community to take UFO reports seriously — not even those for which the evidence is best established. And our Science is a long, long way from that day . . .

This is why I, for my part, have abandoned any hope, in the prevailing situation, of being able to promote any sort of interest in Ufology within the scientific community. The promotion of such an interest could only come about as a result of a new "revolution" or a number of new "revolutions" in Physics, but not by any premature psychological "forcing."

Introductory comment or preface by the Editor of Lumières dans la Nuit.

Everyone will be aware of the stand taken in favour of the physical reality of the UFOs by the astrophysicist Dr. Pierre Guérin, whose views run counter to the whole prevailing current of the majority of the scientific world (and not merely of their hard, "rationalist" fraction.) In his capacity as an "official" scientist, Pierre Guérin knows, better than anyone does, the sort of attacks to which you are exposed when you reveal a "Ufological" standpoint in that working milieu. Dr. Guérin explained to us most emphatically that, in publishing this "Open Letter," his purpose has in no way been to abdicate from or to distance himself in the slightest degree from his previous standpoint or to "toe the line again" by any sort of "capitulation", nor has he any wish to discourage the numerous amateur investigators who are keenly interested in the study of the UFO Phenomenon. All that he has wished to do, he tells us, is to draw the *present* contours of the official recognition of Ufology by the scientific world, while at the same time "leaving the door open" for a later and more progressed recognition if and when Science — and particularly Physics — ever becomes sufficiently advanced to find a place into which it can fit the phenomenon naturally within the framework of its concepts. According to Dr. Guérin, that moment has not yet come, and this fact means a vast limitation on the hopes that some people had harboured, both in the USA (Condon Committee) and in France (G.E.P.A.N.), that official organisations would be created whose task it would be to throw light upon the problem. The pressures brought to bear upon such organisations (pressures designed to prevent them from lending credence to the idea of extraterrestrial visitations) arise essentially from the weight of the scientific establishment in the universities from whom they derive and by whom they are controlled rather than from the (undeniable) desire of certain Governmental Services to conceal from the public the existence of the UFOs — partly in order to avoid panic, and partly also with an eye to any possible technological spill-offs of a secret and military nature. Scientists are as a general rule highly allergic to any sort of imposed secrecy, and they would not have failed to denounce this policy of silence long ago had they themselves not already been fully convinced, for the most part, that there was nothing to hide from the public for the simple reason that, in their view, *UFOs don't exist.* Such is the actual situation.

The reader will notice, incidentally, that in this "Open Letter" Pierre Guérin presents implicitly, as fully evident (without discussing it) the physical, structured nature, and the extraterrestrial nature, of the UFOs as "craft" of non-human origin. For, in his opinion, such events as the close sightings of UFOs (by naked eye and simultaneously by radar) by pilots of military aircraft, the case where a helicopter was "sucked up" by a UFO, the truncated shafts of light emitted by UFOs — not to mention the recent cases of cattle mutilation — all this, he says, has nothing in common with the classic types of paranormal phenomena which have long been catalogued by parapsychologists and are of entirely human origin.

This "primary" UFO phenomenon, says Guérin, derives unquestionably from a technology. The mistake of those investigators who reduce the whole of Ufology to manifestations of the paranormal is that they always neglect this aspect of the matter, and only take into consideration the seemingly "paranormal" side of many CEIII cases whereas, in Guérin's view, the "psychic" element in the affair is brought about by a psychic interference directly induced by the UFO itself upon the close-encounter witnesses, and is dependent upon the particular culture and the particular preoccupations of the latter. (We exclude of course simple cases of hoax, whether or not mounted with a

view to monetary gain . . .)

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE

As usual, Dr. Guérin's very individual style of writing is difficult to translate, and I have taken a few liberties and translated rather loosely in a few places in order to bring out better the sense of his argument.

The *Editorial Note,* by the Editor of *Lumières dans La Nuit,* appeared in the French original in a different position, namely as a preface or introduction to Dr. Guérin's *Open Letter.* I have however thought that there might perhaps be less confusion for FSR readers if I put it last.

As for Dr. Pierre Guérin, a few words about this eminent scientist *(one of France's top astronomers)* will not be out of place. He became known some years ago for his work on the Rings of Saturn, and he seems to have accepted the reality of the UFOs at an early date. He was at first known to FSR readers under the pseudonym of Jules Lemaître. This was the signature which he used on an article in FSR Vol. 5, No. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1959). The title of the article was *Angels or Monsters?: An unbiased Enquiry into the Contact Reports.* He concluded that on the whole the reports of unpleasant creatures seemed so far to be the more convincing, but suggested that two widely different factions might well be involved.

A few years later, Dr. Guérin was writing to the Editor of FSR to the effect that already the "intellectual battle" seemed to have been won, that many of the rising generation of scientists in France appeared to be disposed to accept the existence of the UFOs, and that henceforth we might publish his articles under his real name — and this we have done since then.

When, in the early months of 1974, the French Radio Channel *France-Inter* broadcast a long series of about 40 interviews and discussions on UFOs with scientists, ufologists, including myself, and UFO percipients from a number of countries, Dr. Pierre Guérin figured prominently among those interviewed, and so did the French Minister of Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley, who told millions of listeners in France and throughout Western Europe that the French Government took the subject of UFOs seriously and had had a department looking into the UFO reports since 1954. Shortly after this, Mr. Hugh Burnett made a long documentary (over one hour) for BBC Television on UFOs. Charles Bowen and I were both interviewed (separately) for this film, and we both spoke at length on and laid emphasis upon the French Minister's revelations — the first ever made by a serving Government Minister. *When the BBC documentary on UFOs was finally shown, every word that Charles Bowen and I had said about the French Minister had been cut out.* The Minister's revelations had received wide coverage in the newspapers of Western Europe, and indeed throughout the world, but seemingly no reference to them has yet been permitted anywhere in the British media, and in recent debates in the House of Lords a number of lies were told, it being variously maintained on several occasions either that (a) no such French radio programme had been broadcast or that (b) no such statement had been made by the French Minister. The radio series had led to the appearance of a very successful French book, *La Nouvelle Vague des Soucoupes Volantes,* by the producer of the programme, Jean-Claude Bourret, and in due course I translated this as *The Crack in the Universe: What you have not been told about Flying Saucers* (Neville Spearman, 1975).

This book was also the subject of a denial in the House of Lords, where it was first maintained that no such book had appeared, and then that I did not understand French properly and had not given an accurate translation of Monsieur Galley's statement about UFOs.

Two of the chapters of this book were devoted to the views of Dr. Pierre Guérin. In one chapter, entitled *My Philosophy in the Matter of the UFOs,* his attitude seemed already noticeably more sceptical as to the possibility that our contemporary scientists would agree to accept the evidence for the existence of UFOs. The substance of his comment was basically as follows: *"Scientists will only accept the evidence IF THEY WANT TO. If you give them one good piece of evidence they will simply reject it and demand twenty more. it is they themselves who make the rules as to what constitutes evidence."*

Dr. Jacques Vallée had said much the same thing some years ago in one of his books, when he commented that too many scientists were reacting to the UFO Phenomenon *with their emotions and not with their heads.*

One may suspect that, in the years since the French radio programme in 1974, Dr. Guérin, who holds a high scientific post under his Government, will have had plenty to put up with. If we bear in mind what happened in the USA to Dr. James McDonald and Dr. M. K. Jessup, to mention only two, then we can feel nothing but admiration for the way in which he has stood his ground.

Meanwhile, our readers will have seen the important Editorial by Monsieur F. Lagarde which appeared in the same issue of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* as this Open Letter (LDLN No. 215/216, May-June 1982) and which I have already translated (see FSR Vol. 28, No. 1, *A Warning to All.*) Evidently the two documents belong together and should be studied together, along with Dr. Jean Gille's *Bankruptcy of the French UFO Research Body, G.E.P.A.N.,* which we publish on another page of this issue.

In conclusion, one can feel that there is indeed a very great deal of truth in Dr. Guérin's thesis that

scientists cannot bring themselves to accept the evidence for the UFOs simply because it does not fit in yet with their Science and with their current concepts of the nature of the Universe. There may likewise be a very great deal of truth in the view that governments are anxious to suppress discussion of the UFO Problem because (1) they fear public panic and (2) because some of them may be hoping to secure enormous military advantages by a clandestine study of UFO propulsion methods.

All of this may indeed be entirely true. But there could be more to it yet. As Dr. Jacques Vallée and John Keel and others of us have long ago perceived, what we see in the UFO Phenomenon is probably evidence for the operation of some sort of control-system. (Charles Fort: "I guess we're property!") And the objects of that control-system seem to be — us.

The orders for the suppression of the truth may consequently very likely emanate from a level above that of the terrestrial governments. The existence of telepathy or thought-transmission between humans is an unquestionable fact, and we already have plenty of evidence that telepathic control of humans by other entities is also possible. Nobody should therefore ever have to imagine that a government or an authority or an agency that acts at the behest of such telepathic controllers should necessarily ever be aware that it is itself under control and that it is merely carrying out somebody else's instructions.

Once one says this sort of thing, the whole question of human freewill and human responsibility is of course instantly put into question, and our situation becomes one of acute discomfort. But, if one contemplates the terrible course of human history on this planet, maybe such a theory may be felt to go far to explain why we are what we are, and why we are in the predicament in which we find ourselves today?

An old Burmese tradition says however that, throughout our earthly lives, we have a Good Angel sitting on one shoulder and whispering into one ear, and a Bad Angel sitting on the other shoulder and whispering into the other ear. Maybe then we do have free-will after all? *Maybe it all depends on which Angel we choose to heed?*

Enough has been said, for these are matters which it is extremely dangerous to discuss.

See Stop Press (inside rear cover)

A WAVE OF SMALL HUMANOIDS IN MALAYSIA IN 1970

Ahmad Jamaludin

In FSR Vol. 16, No. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1970) under the title: *Very Little Men!* We gave a strange *World Round-Up* report from Malaysia about six schoolboys at Bukit Mertajam who claimed to have encountered a tiny craft and its tiny occupants. Such reports are to be found in the "folklore" of all people throughout all recorded history, and those who understand such matters will have no difficulty in perceiving what we are talking about. We now have pleasure in publishing a report from Malaysia which deals with the events of 1970 in more detail.

IN 1970 a weird epidemic spread across the Peninsula of Malaysia. Those affected were strangely enough mostly schoolchildren in the age group of 8-14 years. We were unaware of this wave of encounters with the UFO occupants until nearly 10 years later, when, while investigating CE3 cases in this country, we found that nearly half of all the cases fall in this incredible year. Since it is now too late to locate all the principal witnesses, we shall therefore present only the newspaper reports that appeared at the time. The actual number of CE3 cases during this wave is still unknown. The events listed below are those that we have been able to collect so far.

1. Bukit Mertajam, State of Penang

On the evening of 19 August 1970, six schoolboys reported that they had seen a soup-plate sized UFO, blue in colour, landed in the bushes beside their school. Five little men only 3 inches tall alighted from the object. One of them was dressed in a yellow suit, and the other four wore blue uniforms. They installed an aerial on a tree branch and sent out signals, which frightened the boys who then ran away.
SOURCE: *The Straits Times,* 21 Aug., 1970; FSR 16:6 p29.

2. Bukit Mertajam, State of Penang

A 10-year-old schoolboy, K. Wigneswaran, sighted 25 landed UFOs in the bushes just outside the school compound. From each object emerged a 3-inch tall entity. Just as he was closing in for a better look, the school bell rang and he returned to class. The encounter took place in broad daylight on August 19.
SOURCE: *The Straits Times,* 22 Aug., 1070.

3. Bukit Mertajam, State of Penang

The same witness as in case #2 went to the spot

again and there he sighted a small UFO on the ground. Five 3-inch tall entities emerged from the object. One of them, probably the leader, wore a yellow uniform and had two horn-like structures protruding from his head (see Fig. 1). The other four beings wore blue suits of a mundane shade. The witness was shot by the one with the horns when he tried to catch it. He fainted after the shooting, and was found later by the school prefects lying in the bushes. He was taken to his classroom where he later regained consciousness. A small red dot marked the spot on his right leg where he was shot. This second encounter occurred on 20 Aug., also in the daytime.
SOURCE: *The Straits Times,* 22 Aug., 1970.

4. Bukit Mertajam, State of Penang

At 6.30 a.m. on Aug. 20, a few of the boys who encountered the blue UFO in case #1 went to the site again to see whether the object was still there. Mohamed Zulkifli, aged 11, reported that the UFO was still there and was surrounded by the creatures. They were described as horrible-looking and only 3 inches tall. Another boy aged 8 told the headmaster that one of the creatures took out what looked like a little gun and fired a shot at him. It struck him on his hand. There was a slight pain, but it did not hurt much. The boys reported the incident to their headmaster who, with another teacher, promptly went to the site, but found no trace of the creatures or the UFO.
SOURCE: *The Straits Times,* 21 Aug., 1970.

5. Bukit Mertajam, State of Penang

On Aug. 20, two boys, T. Veerasingham, 10, and A. Deveraj, 12, after class, went to the spot where a small UFO was reported to have landed on the 19th. They reported that they encountered 2 tiny entities in the bushes. One was on a rock and the other was perched on a tree branch. The boys tried to capture the entities but they simply vanished. The one on the branch, which was 3 feet above the ground, had only one arm — the left. It was just sitting on the branch shaking its head from side to side and clasping what looked like a tiny gun. Both entities were dressed in a yellow suit and measured only 3 inches tall.
SOURCE: *The Straits Times,* 22 Aug., 1970.

6. Bukit Mertajam, State of Penang

Mohamed Ariffin, whose father is a police constable, returned home after school in the evening of Aug. 20th, and told his parent that he had seen two tiny 'spacemen' in the bushes near his school. When he tried to catch them, one shot him. He received a small cut on his left hand and was later treated by his mother.
SOURCE: *The Straits Times,* 22 Aug., 1970.

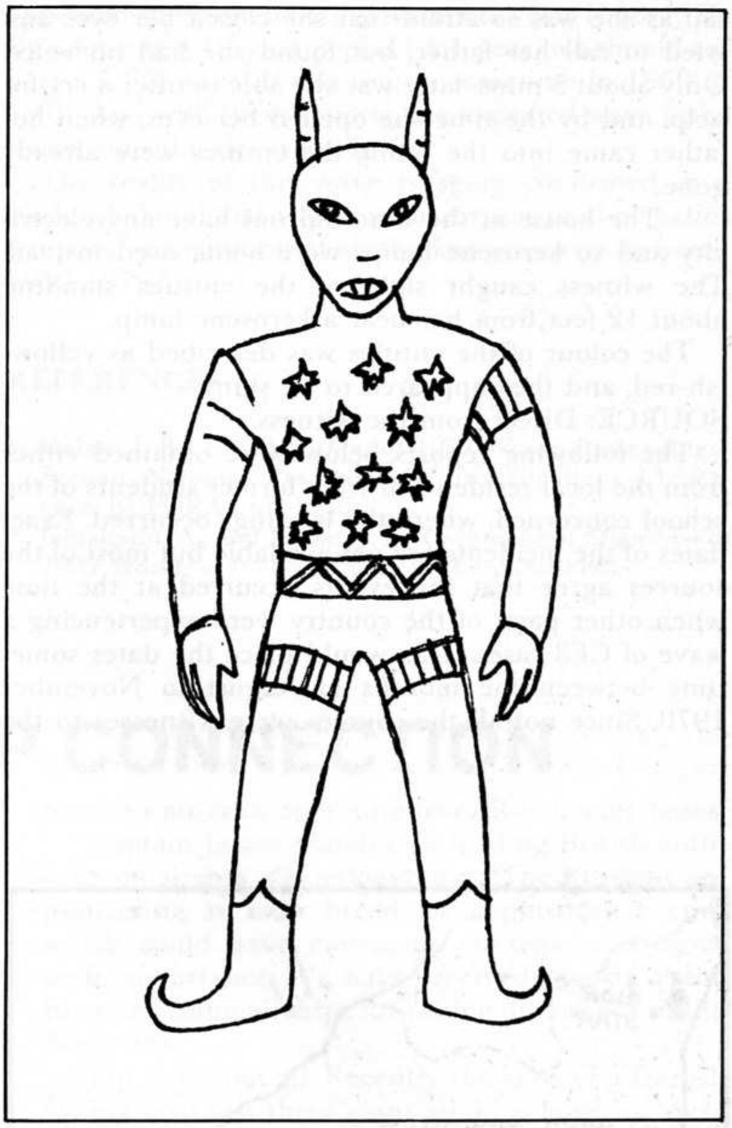

Fig 1. Entity, based on sketch by witness (case 3).

7. Rawang, State of Selangor

On 24 August 1970, a small UFO the size of a car tyre landed in front of a school at 10.00 a.m. The UFO was shaped like a turtle and had five 'windows'. From the object emerged five entities only 3 inches tall. Four of the tiny creatures were described as having two horn-like structures on their heads. The creatures hurried back into the object when the schoolchildren and many local adults rushed forward to have a better look. The UFO then took off. The police, who arrived soon after, searched the area but found no trace of the landing.
SOURCE: *Utusan Malaysia,* 28 August, 1970.

8. Kampung Paya Kecil, State of Pahang

Sometime in November 1970, at about 8.30 p.m., a 10-year-old girl had the shock of her life when she sighted two entities, only 3-4 inches tall, in her room. The witness is not able to describe the entities in de-

tail as she was so afraid that she closed her eyes and tried to call her father, but found she had no voice. Only about 5 mins. later was she able to utter a cry for help, and by the time she opened her eyes, when her father came into the room, the entities were already gone.

The house at the time did not have any electricity and so kerosene lamps were being used instead. The witness caught sight of the entities standing about 12 feet from her near a kerosene lamp.

The colour of the entities was described as yellowish-red, and they appeared to be shiny.
SOURCE: Direct from the witness.

The following reports below were obtained either from the local residents or from former students of the school concerned, where the landings occurred. Exact dates of the incidents are not available but most of the sources agree that the events occurred at the time when other parts of the country were experiencing a wave of CE3 cases. This would place the dates sometime between the months of August to November 1970. Since not all the sources were witnesses to the events, the reports below are only sketchy, but offer us at least a general view of the magnitude of the wave.

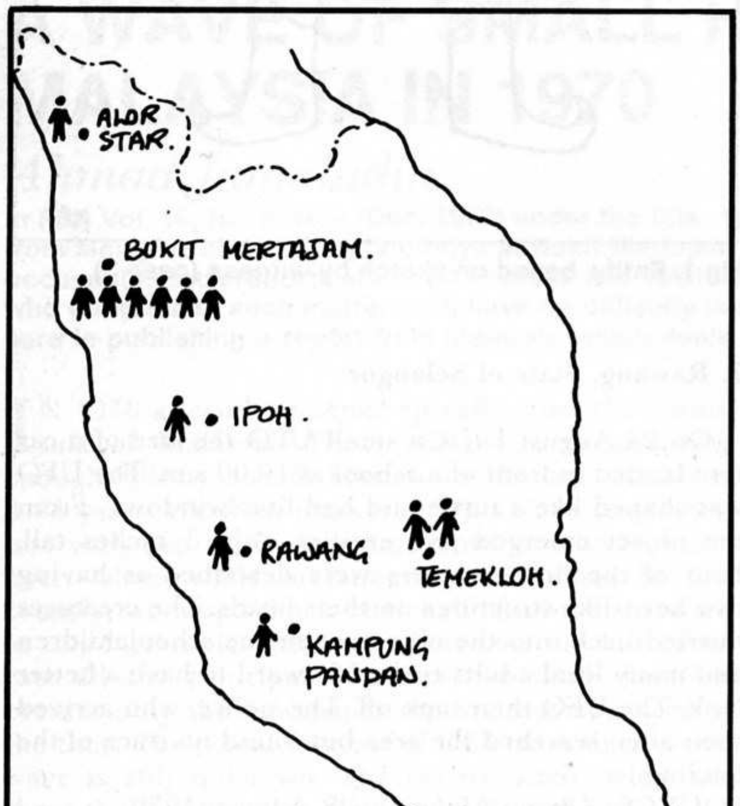

Fig 2. Distribution of 1970 humanoid encounters in the Malaysian Peninsula.

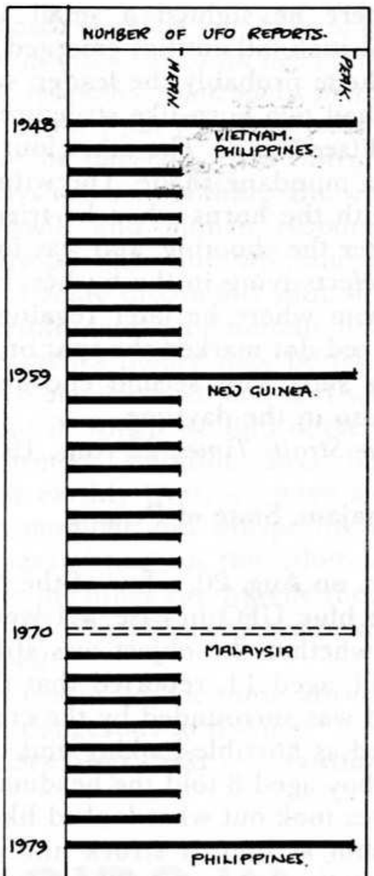

Fig 3. General profile of UFO reports in S.E. Asia.

9. Alor Star, State of Kedah

A small UFO is said to have landed in a primary school compound. From it emerged some 3-inch tall creatures. A schoolboy who tried to capture an entity was shot in the hand. The UFO then flew away.

10. Ipoh, State of Perak

Another UFO landed in a school compound in the town of Ipoh. The tiny creatures which came out from the landed object got back into the craft and took off after encountering many schoolchildren around them.

11. Kampung Pandan, State of Selangor

Many schoolchildren, and most probably also some local residents, sighted the landing of a small object and its tiny occupants near a school here.

12. Temerloh, State of Pahang

Not far from case #8, a small UFO landed in the school compound of this town. It was reported that there was some shooting when the young witnesses tried to capture the creatures.

COMMENT

Are the above events a true UFO wave or just merely hoaxes or hallucinations, perpetrated by some schoolchildren, which then started a countrywide chain reaction? Ten years ago I put down the newspaper after reading about one case thinking there was nothing to it. It was only years later that I came to know that there had been many more reports in that one year alone.

With these reports in hand it is still hard to accept the reality of this wave, because *strangely enough all the events were reported by schoolchildren and the landings were made in broad daylight and right in or near a school* (with the exception of only one case, at night, and in a house). (See Fig. 2.)

While making a study of the UFO waves in the general region of South East Asia and assuming that the 10-year cycle put forward by Delair[1] is valid, there appeared to be one missing wave between 1948-1979. By adopting a 10-year period (± 1 year) we should expect a UFO wave in this region sometime in 1969 or 1970. And with these reports, the expected wave fitted nicely into the slot (see Fig. 3).

The reality of this wave is again confirmed in a study of the global waves with respect to the spatio-temporal distribution of all the known waves between 1950-1979.[2]

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THE RUSSIAN AIRSHIP CONNECTION

I feel that I owe an apology to FSR readers over my recent article, *The Chemiluminescent Connection,*[1] which was submitted as a genuine attempt to report what the very foremost of minds were thinking on the troublesome subject of UFOs.

When I wrote the piece, I was feeling reasonably satisfied that the judgements of the eminent Soviet scientist Dr. M. Dimitriyev, as given in the Soviet journal *Aviation and Cosmonautics,* and of British journalist Antony Buzek as given in the *Daily Express* for July 30, 1979, could surely be taken as decisive, namely that these glowing things seen flying around all over the place are indeed nothing but blobs and bands of chemiluminescence, cold radiation.

But then, with some mortification, I found that a far more authoritative statement had turned up in the English section of the Saturday edition of the Indian paper *Jam-e-Jamshed* for September 18, 1982.

Under the trenchant headline *West Solves Russian UFO Mystery,* this Gujarati paper (Bombay) explains the situation as follows, and clears up the problem of UFOs, at any rate so far as the North Sea and our British Home Waters are concerned:—

"The mystery surrounding UFOs over the North Sea has been solved. British and American Intelligence are convinced that the strange blobs on their radar scanners are the latest addition to the Russian armoury — airships.

"And they are worried that the Russians may have gained a tactical advantage in the arms race by turning back a chapter of aviation history.

"For the new airships are being used to keep the Russian Navy permanently afloat. Supplies and ammunition are being airlifted to the ships by lighter-than-air craft operating from Russian air-bases.

"Captain James Flanders, a leading British authority on airship technology, says: 'The Russians are pioneering a new breed of sophisticated craft which could have enormous strategic and economic importance. We have received reports of the Russians using airships for rescue operations in the Black Sea.'

"But that's not all. Recently the crew of a Danish fishing boat saw three giant airships hovering over Soviet super-trawlers and taking their catch on board[2]. And there have been sightings of the enormous "Zeppelins" over Russian timber yards.

"So why the Russian revival of interest in a form of air transport that was abandoned forty years ago in the West, when the *Hindenburg* exploded in a ball of flame while landing at New Jersey, killing everybody on board?

Faith

"The truth is that the Russians never lost faith in the airship.

"The problem of explosions was got around by using helium, which does not burn. Then the helium is always maintained at the same pressure as the outside air, so that the airship will merely sink gently to the ground if punctured.

"And, short of driving straight into a mountainside, they are virtually crash-proof.

"The advantages are obvious. Fuel costs are low, because airships lift themselves, rather than using engines. Weight for weight, an airship needs only

eight per cent of the engine power required by a comparable aircraft.

Fleet

So now the Russians are building the mightiest fleet of airships the world has ever seen. Already more than 50 airships are in service with the Russian Navy, and dozens more are in the course of construction at a vast factory on the outskirts of Moscow. Although they cost more than £2 million each, the investment will more than pay off if they can help boost the Soviet Union's enormous wealth.

And it seems likely that, within two years, the Russians will be operating airship shuttle-services between major cities at a twentieth of conventional airline costs.

'We had all the basic technology 40 years ago', says Captain Flanders. *'But somehow we in the West forgot to use it.'*"

Notes and References

(1) See FSR, Vol. 26, No. 3 (1980).

(2) One of the more exasperating things about the Russians is their (apparent) total contempt for International Laws about Strawberry-Picking, and their general lack of a sense of sportsmanship (no doubt due to not having played cricket and been to a public school). For it is obvious that a huge fleet of their airships were out snooping and watching our secret strawberry-picking techniques in Kent on August 13, 1978, as described by Mrs Margaret Fry in her article in our last issue (FSR Vol. 28, No. 4).

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A letter from a distinguished European scientist

Dear Sir, — I had quite a shock when opening the issue of FSR I have just received! Please do tell Charles Bowen that I am very sorry that he is ill, and that I pray God that everything turns the very best it can. He has received me so kindly two or three times in his home, and is so good a friend, that I feel our warm connection very strongly.

As usual there are *fascinating* pages in this issue of FSR (Vol. 28, No. 3), including your information concerning the Royal Navy. The whole UFO affair is so intriguing an enigma that I doubt that even those highly organized research teams know the true answer . . .

Among many other points, *how on earth* should one relate the "nuts and bolts" type of information in Stringfield's papers *and* the "lake monsters" and "psychic" sides of the problem??? Is there really so *strong* a binding be-

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tween the "seen" and the "unseen"???

Thanks for sending FSR regularly to me. I well understand that FSR has many problems.

Due to my scientific position, I can only speak *covertly* of my *quite private* interest in UFOs.

With my very kindest regards,
(Name and address on file at FSR)
February 28, 1983

This letter, which I have just received from one of the very top two or three physicists in one of the principal countries of Europe, must perforce remain anonymous. The writer is a scientist who has been one of our readers for many years, and any comment by us would be absurd — except perhaps to say that we appreciate deeply the honour of having such a man and such a scientist among our supporters! — EDITOR

That BBC TV Programme!

Dear Sir, — Regarding Dr. Hynek's article, NOVA AND UFOs, I am in total accord. I happened to see that particular TV programme with a friend of mine who is the Acting Chairman of the Department of Hispanic Studies in this University (University of Victoria) and is undoubtedly an intelligent young woman. During the showing (in which of course Philip Klass bent over backwards to make an ass of himself) I was quite horrified at the way in which the 'editors' of the programme had so manoeuvred the people of CUFOS (Dr. Hynek's *Center for UFO Studies*) that the latter came to seem like debunkers themselves!

But what really angered *and frightened me* was the way in which they treated the Kaikoura Lights incident (New Zealand), having the pilot of a New Zealand airplane there in the studio to tell us the following facts:—

a. The lights were *above* the horizon.

b. The lights then came at a frighteningly high speed right towards his aircraft, and suddenly stopped, quite close to the plane.

c. The lights then retreated to where they had seemingly been at first, above the horizon.

The conclusion given to the listeners was that those lights were *therefore* probably the lights on certain Japanese fishing-boats!

Finally, I was still more *frightened,* when my colleague, mentioned above, the Chairman of the Department of Hispanic Studies, turned to me and said: *"You know, I think that this programme does indeed tend to disprove UFOs; I'm rather inclined to believe what they've been telling us."*

If a highly intelligent young woman like that, with a Doctoral Degree from London University, and aged 43 years, can swallow a TV programme that was so clearly untrue, how much more can the man-in-the-street (who has, we are told, the average mentality of a 12-year-old child) swallow what he is told, hook, line and sinker, without batting an eyelid? That's how Hitler got the German people lined up behind him: they believed him implicitly — *because it made them feel more secure to 'believe' than to question.* With the general standards of education rapidly sliding downhill all the time, everywhere in the world, we can foresee the 'ordinary people' letting themselves be tricked by any opportunist with a little charisma, and then finding themselves in a dictatorship — without knowing how they got there. The Police State is not by any means as far from our 'democracies' as we fondly imagine . . .

Yours sincerely,
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(Hitler was considered a pretty good liar, though we know that Josef Stalin greatly despised him as a mere amateur in that respect, and no doubt Stalin really was a great deal more skilful and more professional, both in lying and in killing. However, what is behind the cover-up over the UFOs may be a lot smarter than either Hitler or Stalin. — G.C.)

The Black-Out on UFOs

Dear Sir, — There is no doubt at all that world-wide, presumably official, efforts are being made to stifle knowledge on UFOs. Any TV or Radio programme touching on the subject, however unbiased its publicity build-up may appear, inevitably seems to take the line of playing down and ridiculing what people have experienced or believe they have seen. Honest observers are often branded as "cranks", perhaps to discourage others.

Books cannot be dealt with quite like that, and I am not at all surprised to learn of your suspicions that pressures are being applied to attempt to get rid of evidence from the shelves. A subtle repetition of the open destruction of vital knowledge in ancient times, perhaps?

Perhaps we should all make a point of asking for specific UFO books to be obtained for us by our library branches. This could apply some pressure from the other direction. Maybe FSR could publish a short list of "recommended reading" to include especially any valuable books known to be disappearing.

**I am a retired meteorologist. I first became seriously aware of UFOs in the early 1950s when — on the other side of the fence — I became involved, from time to time, in trying to show that certain UFO reports could have been meteorological balloons. It was the realisation that some could but that others most certainly could not, that stimulated my interest to learn more.*

If there is ever anything I can usefully do to help FSR (e.g. a local investigation or writing up notes, etc) please do not hesitate to let me know and I will welcome the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,
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March 5, 1983

[*Italics supplied, EDITOR]

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